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US: Saddam barely escaped assassination attempt

DAVID MAKOVSKY

MEMBERS of Iraq's elite Republican Guard recently set off a bomb in one of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces five minutes after he departed, US officials said, citing what they called "credible Iraqi opposition sources." Up to 300 people were later executed in connection with the bombing, the officials added.

US officials refused to say whether they could independently confirm the

One US official said he believes it did occur and deemed the move the "most serious coup attempt yet against Saddam." Details of the attempt, which reportedly took place during the first week of

this month, remain sketchy.

The official said it remains unclear whether the blast occurred in one of Saddam's palaces in Baghdad or in his hometown of Tikrit.

He said there has also been activity against Saddam among the super-elite Special Republican Guard unit, which protects Saddam and is headed by his

Up to 100,000 expected tomorow at Rehov Bar-Ilan protest

A MASSIVE rally demanding the Shabbat closure of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan is expected tomorrow, with Internal Security Minister. Avigdor Kahalani expected to meet with haredi leaders today in an effort to make sure the protest doesn't turn

Police estimate 100,000 people, including many coming from else-where in the country, will attend the

Rehov Bar-Ilan will be closed from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the demon-stration, which is to begin at Kikar Shabbat in Mea She'arim, then contime in a march to Rehov Bar-lian. Organizers have promised police

they will be responsible for crowd control, and that the event would not turn violent, a police spokesman said. Hundreds of policemen are to

Four killed, four injured in road accident near **Ashdod**

FOUR people were killed and four injured on the Ashdod-Ashkelon highway early yesterday when a van driver who was apparently speeding veered into the oncoming lane and hit another vehicle, police said.

They said the driver, Abed Hassan, 22, of Lod, who was among the dead, had in the past committed seven serious traffic violations, including three incidents of veering out of his lane. "We suspect that this is what caused this terrible accident," said Lachish District Police chief Ch.-Supt. Edgar Raviv.

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TWA black box reveals 'unexplained sound'

on July 17. He said the cause of

Clinton said he hoped to bring

new high-tech explosive detec-

tion devices, currently being test-

ed, to all US airports in the near

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be required.

the crash still was not known.

EAST MORICHES, New York (AP) - Divers recovered TWA Flight 800's data and cockpit voice recorders in good shape early yesterday. According to initial reports, there was a quartersecond recording of an "unexplained" sound at the end of the

The tapes included the final conversations of the cockpit crew and the data recorders showed in-flight readings and measure-

President Bill Clinton said he had ordered new and immediate steps to increase US airline safety and security after the TWA crash off New York and other recent US air disasters.

"Today I am announcing new measures to increase the safety and security of airline travel," he said in a statement at John F. Kennedy International Airport. "The safety and security of the American people must be our

top priority."

Clinton had just finished meeting for several hours with families of some of the 230 people who died when the plane crashed

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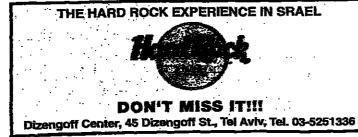
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Ross tells PM: Assad still wants peace talks

A FLURRY of diplomatic activity swept the Middle East yesterday as US envoy Dennis Ross and Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat tried to mend strained relations with Syria and coax Israel and Syria back to the peace table.

Ross made his way from Syria to Amman to Jerusalem, in the wake of French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, who took his peace mission on the same route earlier in the

Arafat held talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad to mend strained relations and forge a common stand for future peace talks with Israel, officials said.

Syria wants to further peace efforts and learn more about the new Israeli government, Ross told Prime Minister Binyamin DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

Netanyahu yesterday. "He said President Assad of Syria desires to further the peace process and is interested in learning more about Israel's new government and about Prime Minister Netanyahu," a statement issued by Netanyahu's office said. It said

again today. Ross added that Assad is still in the process of making decisions and is interested to know on what basis negotiations with Israel could be furthered," it said.

Ross and Netanyahu would meet

The statement said Netanyahu expressed his government's desire to further talks and quoted him as saying, "We are considering different ways to continue the process.

"Among the ways to further these talks, the issue of Lebanon was also raised and it was agreed that the continuation of the process will be done in a considered way after deep consulta-

tions," the statement said. "We had a chance to begin a further process of consulting on where we are and how best to move ahead," Ross told reporters as he left the meeting.

Syria wants talks with Israel to focus on the Golan Heights before negotiating on Lebanon, but has not closed the door on the latter possibility, Ross told Netanyahu, an official in Jerusalem said.

Netanyahu has said that Lebanon is the "place to begin," and sources said Israel wants to deal with Syria on Lebanon before discussing the Golan. Both US and Israel say Assad (Continued on Page 20)

US official: Despite pressure, Syria is providing safe haven for terrorists

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US pressure on Syria to end its support for extremist groups is having some effect and will continue, a senior State Department

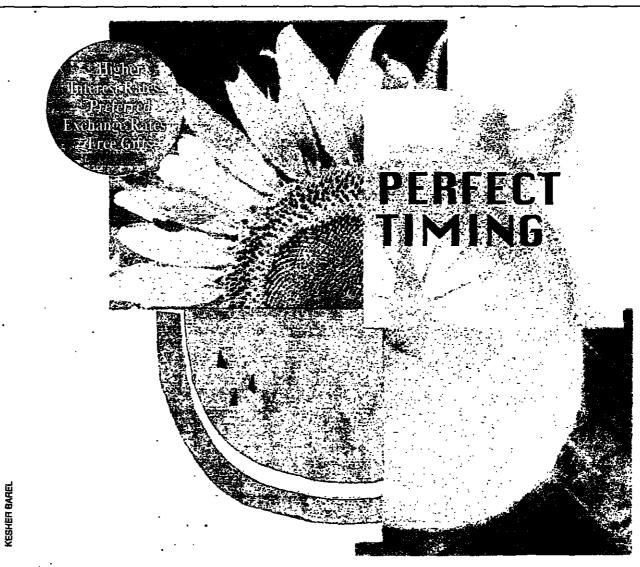
official told Congress vesterday. "Syria continues to provide safe haven and logistic support to a variety of terrorist groups, both Arab and non-Arab," Philip Wilcox, the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, said at a House of Representatives International Relations Committee hearing.

He ordered more hand searchs and screening of baggage at Wilcox named Hamas. Hizbullah, the Islamic Jihad US airports and said a pre-flight and the Kurdish PKK as some of the groups backed inspection of any plane flying to or from the United States would by Syria. "Syria does not define the activities of the groups as 'terrorism.' We strongly disagree," he said. He said Washington would retain economic sanc-As Clinton traveled to New tions against Syria and keep it on its list of countries York to meet with grieving relathat support terrorism until Damascus ended all support for the groups.

"We think our policy has had an impact on Syria. We have no evidence of direct Syrian involvement in terrorist acts since 1986, in contrast to some other states designated as sponsors of terrorism such as Iran, Iraq and Libya," he said.

"Syria has used its influence from time to time to restrain Hizbullah rocket attacks across the Israeli border. The Syrian government has also demonstrated that it can use its influence to deter Palestinian rejectionist groups resident in Syria to avoid acts of international terrorism outside Israel and the West Bank and Gaza."

Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, accused Syria of involvement in drug trafficking and said stronger US action may be needed. "The seeds of peace cannot be sown in an atmosphere of active support for narco-traffickers and terrorists," he said.



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Labor-Ram coalition crisis in Histadrut

LABOR'S Histadrut faction is threatening to leave the coalition if Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz reshuffles top Histadrut positions, a violation of the coalition agreement.

Peretz said yesterday that he is determined to bring the personnel changes to the Histadrut parliament for approval next Sunday. even if it causes the coalition to

Labor faction members yesterday accused Peretz and MK Haim Ramon of attempting to gain control of the Histadrut apparatus and use it as a political power base in the upcoming Labor leadership primaries, the Histadrut elections and the next Knesset elections.

Labor faction sources said that Peretz is using the reshuffle as a ploy to bring the Histadrut labor councils' section, which controls the local labor councils and thousands of activists, into the hands of the ruling Ram faction.

The sources charged Ramon and Peretz with trying to build a political power base outside the Labor Party so that they can field a rival list in the Histadrut elections, and later in the Knesset elections, if Ramon fails in his bid to win

Labor's leadership. Peretz, who has asked to be MICHAL YUDELMAN

nominated Labor's candidate in the Histadrut elections, hotly denied these accusations at a stormy meeting with Labor's faction leaders yesterday. He said he had no intention of setting up an independent list outside of Labor.

However, Labor faction leaders warned that unless Peretz stops acting against Labor's interests in the Histadrut, he can forget about being the party's candidate in the Histadrut elections.

Before the last Histadrut elections two years ago, Labor MKs Ramon, Peretz and Shmuel Avital formed the New Life faction and joined Meretz and Shas in the Ram list, which ran against Labor and won the Histadrut leadership. After prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination last November, Ramon quit the Histadrut chairmanship, was replaced by Peretz, and the three MKs returned to Labor.

However, within the Histadrut the three maintained the separate Ram faction, which continued operating in a coalition with Labor. After the Knesset elections, Histadrut Treasurer Haim Oron (Meretz) decided to leave his post and concentrate on his Knesset position. That's when Peretz decided to bring about a reshuffle in the Histadrut. He decided to give Labor the Histadrut's trade union section and treasury, in exchange for the personnel and labor councils' section, which

Labor now holds. Labor refused to give up the labor councils section, charging that Peretz's real intention is to get hold of that section, in addition to securing a good job for Avital, who failed to win a place on Labor's Knesset list

"It's all part of a cynical political plan of Ramon's to take over not only the Histadrut, but the Labor Party leadership, via the Histadrut apparatus," a Labor faction source said yesterday.

The sources said that Ram activists are not among the hundreds of veteran Histadrut workers being fired and that, despite the mass dismissals, the new Histadrut leadership has hired 257 new workers on personal contracts over the past two years.

In most cases, the new workers are drawing huge monthly wages while the Histadrut squabbles with the dismissed workers over severance payments. The sources cited the case of Davar Rishon's workers, who say they have not received severance pay since the paper closed two months ago.

Iran claims Israel holding four Iranians

BONN (Reuter) - Iran's ambassador to Germany has said that Israel is holding four Iranians hostage, and he has asked Bonn to help secure their release, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported yesterday. Ambassador Hussein Mousavian told the paper that Israeli forces had taken hostage three diplomats and a journalist from Iran when they

invaded Lebanon in 1982. "It is a constant concern of the Iranian government to win the release of these Iranians from Israel." he said. "These four Iranians were the first victims of the hostage-takings in Lebanon." Mousavian said Iran had no information about missing IAF navigator

Israel believes Arad, missing in Lebanon since 1986, is in Iran. German intelligence coordinator Bernd Schmidbauer, who coordinated the MIA-prisoner swap between Israel and Lebanon last weekend, says

he believes he is alive. Mousavian named the missing Iranian diplomats as Seyed Mohsen Mousavi, the former charge d'affaires in the Beirut embassy, Ahmad Motevaselani, and Taqi Rastegar Moghadam.

The journalist is Kazem Akhavan Alaf, Beirut bureau chief for the Iranian news agency IRNA, he said.

two gunmen in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN (AP) - A boobytrapped car exploded in south Lebanon yesterday, killing its owner, an South Lebanese Army security officer.

Israeli casualties.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the car attack in a communique issued in Tyre, Security sources said the car, a white Mercedes, blew up in the security zone when the SLA officer, identified by his code name of Abu Kassem, started the ignition.

IDF soldiers kill

In another incident, IDF soldiers killed two gunmen in a clash in the security zone.

Israeli security sources said the clash occurred in the central sector of the zone. There were no

tapes were healthy."

Israel complains to PA over wounding of 2½-year-old Israeli the Kalkilya Military Court will be scheduled. the spokesman said. The policeman had been The IDF slapped a closure on Kalkilya last night and prevented Israelis from entering the city. A joint investigation was launched. two-year-old girl by a Palestinian policeman.

ISRAEL filed a complaint with the Palestinian Authority yesterday about the wounding of a

A family from Tira was driving home from Kalkilya on Wednesday night when a Palestinian policeman suddenly shot at the car, shattering its rear window and lightly wounding the girl in the head.

Both Israeli and Palestinian security forces quickly came to the site, located in Area B, which is under Palestinian Police control, though the PA police is not allowed to arrest

A Kalkilya doctor treated the girl's wound. She was later examined at the Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava and sent home.

A Palestinian Police spokesman said a policeman had signaled to the driver to stop and, when he did not, the policeman fired one shot into the air and one at the car. The driver apparently did not notice the police-

The policeman was arrested and a hearing at Lawyers for IDF

informed that he is not allowed to arrest Israeli citizens, the spokesman said, but "we are not immune from making mistakes."

There have been several incidents recently in which Palestinian policemen fired on Israelis

The IDF regards the incident as very serious in Area B. and has filed a complaint, the IDF Spokesman said. The area commander will meet today with his Palestinian counterpart to discuss the

training school head

call for charges

to be dropped

NEWS IN BRIEF

Golan Druse burn police station

Druse residents of the Golan Heights raised a Syrian flag over a police station they burned to the ground Wednesday night, security

sources said yesterday.

Residents of Mas'ada village in the northern Golan broke into a police station and set it ablaze close to midnight Wednesday, the

They then pulled an Israeli flag off the station's flagpole and hoisted a Syrian flag. Police said the station is often closed at night and was empty at the time of the incident, but that it would now be manned 24 hours a day.

Six soldiers injured in accident

Six soldiers were injured, some lightly and some moderately, when their vehicle overturned while traveling between positions on the northern border yesterday. OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine appointed an officer to investigate the accident. *lim*

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 761578 won NIS 1,000,000. The holder of ticket number 471277 won a car.

Tickets numbered 368044, 579019, 509594, 501106, 427820. 284339, 336013 and 678161 won NIS 5,000. Those tickets ending in 68692, 36677, 49661, 43720, 64496, 79584, 25407, 87031, 13784, 15172, 79029, 97270, 78398, 17856, 73508 04719, 25721, 05328 and 50573 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 378, 469, 076, and 554 won NIS 100. Tickets ending in 51, 31, 59, 30 won NIS 30. Tickets ending in 49 and 15 won NIS 20.

Tickets ending in 9 and 4 won NIS 10. In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, jack of diamonds and seven of clubs.

(Continued from Page 1) tives, technicians in Washington carefully cut open the recorders transported there for analysis.

"The boxes had moderate damage; they were banged up," said Bernard Loeb, director of aviation Transportation Safety Board. "We've had boxes that were in worse condition. Basically, the

The so-called black boxes were found in the largest concentration of wreckage on the ocean floor off New York under more than 30 meters of water.

TWA

"To me, they looked pretty good relative to the ones that I've seen," NTSB vice chairman Robert Francis said on the NBC Today television show.

Officials noted, however, that if the jetliner suffered a major electrical failure before coming down, as some suspect, the recorders might have been shut down pre-

Officials hope to learn whether the explosion shortly after takeoff from Long Island was caused by a bomb, missile or mechanical failшe.

The boxes, which are are actually orange, were transported to Washington in water and plastic bags to prevent them from drying too quickly, which could damage

COL. Moni Horev's lawyers yes-

terday asked the attorney-general

to drop the negligence charges

pending against their client relat-

ing to Yanai Shoshan's death in a

Shoshan was mortally wounded

in 1994, when a fragmentation

grenade went off in his webbing

during a training exercise in Lebanon. Horev, who was recent-

ly appointed head of the IDF

Officers' Training School, was the

Givati Brigade commander at the

time. Horev claims, however, that

when the accident occurred,

Shoshan's battalion was not

Earlier this week, the judge

advocate-general, after giving

Horey a hearing, decided not to waive the charges against him.

The High Court of Justice is to

rule today on a petition by the

Shoshan family to suspend Horev

from his post at the training

directly under his control.

training accident.

The closed meeting this morning between Clinton and the victims' families was announced amid bitter complaints that the recovery of bodies was going too slowly and that officials were giving conflicting reports. Clinton also attended a briefing by investi-

The recorders, which are carried in the tails of jediners, were found in the tail section wreckage almost directly underneath a Navy search and rescue vessel, Francis said.

school. The petition says that an

officer charged with involvement

in the death of a soldier should not

be responsible for the training of

letter of appeal to the Shoshan

family, the chief of general staff

the interior minister and the judge

advocate-general asking that

Horev not be suspended until the

end of legal proceedings. They said that since the trial would take

at least two years, it would mean

the lives of hundreds of reserve

soldiers, understand the Israeli.

parent's pain from both sides.

Despite the pain of the tragic

death of Yanai Shoshan, we think

that Col. Horev should not be sus-

pended from his present post,"

wrote the officers, all of whom

have held commands that Horev

had previously held.

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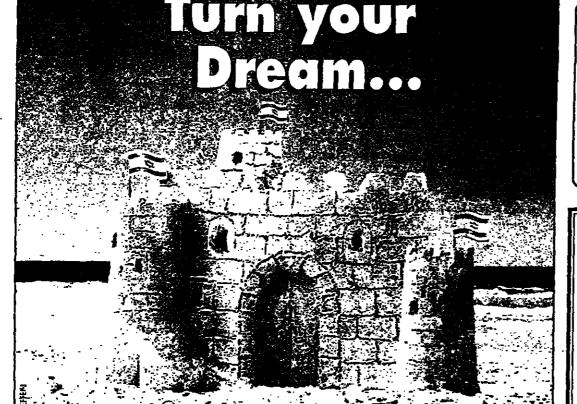
the end of Horev's army career.

Sixteen reserve officers wrote a

other officers.

The divers were able to find them even though the "pings" the recorders emit were not detected. The pinger on one box had been knocked off in the crash, an official said.

So far, investigators have only collected 1 percent of the plane's wreckage and about half the bodies from the ocean floor. So far, 114 bodies have been recovered, and 95 of them positively identi-



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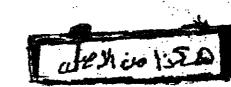
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A border policeman prevents right-wing demonstrators from setting fire to the Palestinian flag outside Orient House vesterday. (Reuter)

Netanyahu won't change Temple Mount status quo

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has no intention of changing the status quo on the Temple Mount at this time, as demanded by several right-wing groups, government sources said yesterday, after 11 Jews were detained for trying to pray at the

Officials from the Prime Minister's Office, General Security Service, and police met Wednesday with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to review security arrangements at the Temple Mount, and consider the possibility of permitting Jewish worship there.

The sources said the idea was unanimously rejected. MK Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), a leader in the fight to end the ban on Jewish worship at the Temple Mount - in effect since 1967 on grounds it would spark unrest among the Moslem population was informed of this, the sources

"There is a government decision from 1967, and it must be enforced;" Kahalani told The Jerusalem Post. "Personally, I think it would be good if Jews were allowed to pray on the

THE downtum in tourism that

began in April has become more

to worsen in May, with a slump of

Temple Mount. But if you ask me what my recommendation is now.

it is no. Changing the status quo at this stage would only cause unrest there, and we don't need that at Right-wing activists working to

overturn the ban had counted on Netanyahu to back their cause, but have been informed recently that there will be no change, at least in the near future. The 11 Jews detained were

members of Hai Vekayam, which had declared Tisha Be'av the start of a new campaign to fight the ban. Members of the Temple Mount Faithful also protested near the Mugrabi Gate, and several dozen of them were allowed to enter the Temple Mount in pairs. Each pair was accompanied by policemen to prevent them from praying and ensure the visit did not provoke

Also yesterday, the families of the late Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Rabbi Haim Druckman tried to pray atop a building bordering the Temple Mount compound, sparking cries of "Allah akhbar" from Moslem worshipers, before the families were forced down by

police. They had been allowed into the building to pray in the top-floor synagogue once used by Goren. Police said they snuck out of the synagogue and went onto the roof, despite being specifically instruct-

ed not to do so. A police spokesman said the ban on prayer on the Temple Mount has been upheld repeated-ly, and as recently as this week, by the High Court of Justice, and is aimed to keeping the peace in the

Hai Vekayam leader Yehuda Etzion said the group had given Netanyahu until yesterday to change the policy, and is now renewing its fight.

"If blood is spilled, only the government can be held responsible," he said. "What are we asking for? Only that Jews can pray on the Temple Mount. Is this really

so evil? "All these people standing here, and many others, voted for Binyamin Netanyahu because he promised to allow Jews to pray on the Temple Mount," Gershon Salomon, head of the Temple Mount Faithful, told reporters.

Netanya underworld figure murdered

A NETANYA underworld figure was gunned down yesterday morning, apparently in a struggle for control of gambling in the town.

Yitzhak Zigdon, 25, was on his way to work at a library for the blind, where he was serving out a six-month community service sentence for extortion. As he parked his car in the library parking lot at 7:45, a man walked up to him, shot him several times, and fled.

Zigdon had a long record of property and drug offenses, and had recently become involved in the city's gambling rackets.

Meanwhile, the remand of Sahah Abu Saliman, suspected of involvement in Tuesday night's Lod shooting, in which a 13-year-old boy was killed, a two-year-old girl seriously wounded, and a woman shot in the leg, was extended for 10 days by Rehovor Magistrate's Court.

The shooting was apparently related to a feud between rival gangs of drug

dealers, but the gumman apparently missed his target and hit three innocent bystanders. The police provided what it considers to be the reason for the shooting to the court in a confidential document.

The police said that the suspected gunman is still at large and said that if Abu Saliman were released, he could interfere with the investigation. Abu Saliman's lawyer said his client insists he is innocent, and had offered to take a lie detector test, but the police turned him down. He said his client is being held hostage by the police until his son turns himself in.

Ya'acov Alperon paroled despite A-G's objections

world-related activities, was released vesterday: after the High Court of Justice rejected a request by the autorit rules on a petition against the

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Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair yesterday petitioned the court against the decision by the Ma'asiyahu Prison parole board to release Alperon after three-and a-half years in jail because of good behavior. A representative of Ben-Yair's office presented the committee with intelligence information showing that Alperon continued to run the family crime operations from his prison cell. The operations allegedly include Mafia-style debt collection, extorting protection money and managing gambling clubs.

In his petition, Ben-Yair argued that Alperon had a long list of previous convictions, most of them for violent acts. He has served many prison sentences and during most of them also won the confidence of the parole board, which decided to release him early. However, Ben-Yair said he believed that Alberon had betrayed the parole board's confidence in the past and returned to his criminal ways.

In June 1993, Alperon, 42, was sentenced to seven years and seven months in prison for several crimes, some of which were carried out two weeks after he was released from

Ben-Yair expressed concern that the 1995 car-bomb attack against Moussa Alperon indicates that the family is involved in the settling of

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Netanyahu cancels cabinet meeting on settlements Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday cancelled a discussion slated for today's cabinet meeting about housing construction in Judea, Samaria, and

Netanyahu has made it clear in recent statements that he wants to build more housing in the existing settlement blocs and along the bypass roads that have already been built or are being built to link settlements.

Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, said Netanyahu has been conducting a series of consultations on the subject. However, he has not yet set a date for bringing the matter to the cabinet.

According to a report in yesterday's Ma'ariv, the Housing Ministry has prepared a plan for the construction of 7,000 new apartments in four existing settlements, 5,000 of them for haredim. The sites are Kiryat Sefer (4,000 units), Betar (1,000 units), Ma'aleh Adumim (2,000), and Givat Ze'ev (2,000).

Kiryat Sefer and Betar are harecommunities. Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, and Betar are considered within the confines of "Greater Jerusalem."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu is scheduled to meet leaders of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza next

The settlement leaders have a long list of demands for expansion, starting with the cancellation of the freeze imposed by prime minister Yitzhak Rabin on the sale of 3,000 of the 10,000 apartments that were built in the territories in 1991 and 1992 and left empty ever since.

Half of the empty houses have since been occupied, either through quiet deals or by illegal Observers of the settlement

scene say Netanyahu's first step will be to allow families to move

Tourism slowdown worsens

HAIM SHAPIRO

Administration figures for June show a drop of 4.5% in the numserious, as shown by figures pro-vided by both the Hotel Association and the Civil Aviation Administration. The Hotel Association reported a 14 percent drop in tourist accommodation in June, compared to June 1995. The slowdown began in April, with 7% fewer bed-nights for foreign tourists and continued

Meanwhile, the foreign carriers 11%, compared to the same showed an increase of 3%. months last year. The year had started as a bumper year for tourism, with an increase of 27% in bed-nights by foreign tourists in January and February, and a 14% percent jump in occupancy rates. By March, after the wave of suicide bombings, there were only 9% more

bed-nights by tourists. Worst hit was Jerusalem, where the Hotel Association reported a drop of 18% in foreign tourists during June, as well as three percent fewer Israeli bed-nights. The occupancy rate in Jerusalem during June was 61%, compared with 74% in June 1995.

ber of incoming and outgoing passengers compared to June 1995, from 555,000 to 529,000. The hardest hit were apparently El Al and its charter subsidiary Sun-Dor, which suffered a combined drop in passengers of 13% and a drop in market share from 45.7% to 41.9%.

Especially significant was Air France, which showed a 70% jump in the number of passengers. Although it was second only to TWA in the number of passengers carried by a foreign airline, Turkish Airlines had a drop of 20%, reflecting the decrease in the number of Israelis visiting

Commenting on the figures, El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said the company's poor showing for June reflected both a drop in visits by foreign tourists and a decrease in the number of Israelis going abroad. Many Israelis canceled reservations as vacation

time approached, he said, apparently as a result of the present economic situation.

Although the company had accurately predicted the drop in Israelis going to Turkey, it had anticipated a corresponding jump in other nearby destinations, such as Cyprus and Greece. This has not materialized, he said. On the other hand, Kleiman said, many Israelis are continuing to visit the US, Canada, and England.

In a related development, Royal Jordanian Airlines complained that the Israeli authorities are discriminating against them by forcing them to fly over the Mediterranean before landing at Ben-Gurion Airport, thus extending the flying time of 13 minutes by 25 minutes. The company, which, like El Al, now has five flights between Ben-Gurion and Amman, has asked for additional flights, as well as flights between Amman and Haifa and between Ben-Gurion and Akaba. These requests have all been refused.

The company said it would raise these issues during Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's uncoming visit to Jordan.

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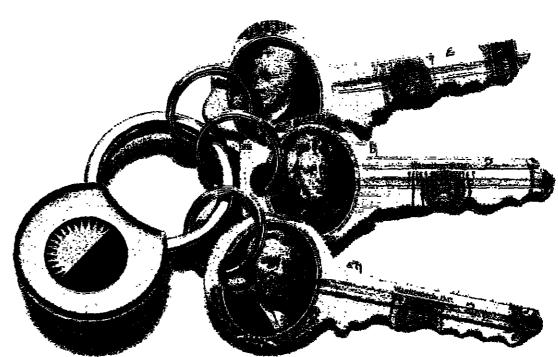
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The Norwegian Law

14th Knesset's first session showed that on within the Knesset compound. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. despite his status as Israel's first directly elected premier, has far to go in establishing his control over the government coalition. When the government was sworn in last month, Netanyahu was unable to name his full cabinet, due to the protracted argument over a portfolio for Ariel Sharon. And this week, as the Knesset dispersed for its long summer recess (it will not reconvene, except for emerlack of an agreed-upon religious affairs minister scuttled the government's first major piece of legislation, the so-called Norwegian Law.

The argument over who should head the Religious Affairs Ministry first, Shas or the National Religious Party, is not as petty as it might seem at first glance; the ministry's NIS 1.2 billion budget and the opportunities it offers for political appointments make it an attractive post for both parties. Shas reminded Netanyahu of the strength of their feelings on this issue by delivering a sharp slap to the government's face on the Norwegian Law. After appointing Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi to head the Knesset House Committee - a controversial appointment, since this committee decides whether to recommend lifting an MK's immunity, and Pinhasi is one of those MKs whom the attorney-general plans to charge - Pinhasi paid the prime minister back by voting against the government's request to rush through its Norwegian bill. This is a pity. because the passage of the Norwegian Law would go a long way to improving the smooth running of both the government and the Knesset.

The principle behind the law is simple enough: all the ministers, except for the premier, resign their Knesset seats. This relieves the ministers of all Knesset duties and allows them to concentrate on their main job of running a government ministry. It also ensures a systematic scrutiny from an assembly of full-Knesset filled with active parliamentarians, time representatives.

OTH the initial and final days of the who are concerned primarily with what goes

The present system, which follows the British model, under which cabinet ministers are chosen primarily from sitting parliamentarians, works in Britain because the House of Commons consists of over 600 members of parliament. With such a large parliament, the frequent absence of government ministers from parliamentary debates hardly affects the work of the rest of their colleagues.

But in Israel, roughly one in three MKs is gency debates if needed, until October), the either a current or a former minister, deputy minister, retired army general, or mayor. These MKs are often unfamiliar with, and bored by, mundane, painstaking legislative work, much of which demands both experience and expertise, and does not generate pub-

> Yet democracy demands that this work be done; meticulously, professionally and passionately, by legislators who see in law-making a full-time occupation, rather than a pastime or a springboard to greater things.

> In the first Knesset, the cabinet barely comprised a minyan(the religious quorum of 10 men). But since then, cabinet membership, if deputy ministers are also included, has ballooned to nearly three times that number. Though the Law for Direct Election of the Prime Minister limits the number of ministers to 18 and that of their deputies to six, the division between ministerial work and Knesset performance is still not wide enough.

> The introduction of the Norwegian Law, so called because under that country's 1814 constitution legislators leave the Storting (parliament) upon appointment to a cabinet post, would be a welcome complement to the recent change in Israel's electoral system. It would enhance not only the cabinet's work, but the Knesset would also see an improvement in its stature, particularly vis-a-vis the cabinet, whose actions would face a closer and more

Shabbat shalom

NTERNAL Security Minister Avigdor his criticisms of police tactics – earlier this must be like a big brother. The public should feel good when he is around." The minister's policy will soon be put to the test: a massive demonstration of tens of thousands of haredim, demanding the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat, has been called for tomorrow.

Indeed, it has been these recent Shabbat demonstrations in the capital that have caused Kahalani to reconsider crowd-control policies. Over the past few years, the Jerusalem police in particular have been criticized for preferring brawn to brains when confronting demonstrators, and it is promising to see that the new minister is not prepared to turn a blind eye to reports of police brutality.

At the same time, Kahalani must ensure that

Kahalani promises a kinder, gentler police- week he talked of policemen "breaking heads man. In an interview today with The for no reason" - are not taken by some as a sign policeman to ignore police orders or that the battle to close Rehov Bar-Ilan has already been won. The High Court of Justice has yet to rule on whether Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy can unilaterally order the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan, a major traffic artery, during prayer times on Shabbat. Until a ruling is issued, the road must remain

The sight of mounted, Jewish policemen facing off against demonstrators in general, and haredim in particular, always evokes distressing historical associations, and one hopes that this Shabbat, Jerusalem will be spared such trauma. However, this depends as much on the demonstrators as on the police. Kahalani has called on his men to show restraint; it is up to the haredi leaders to reciprocate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

Sir. - Keren Markuze's report of July 9 quoting my misgivings about steep traffic fines for speed violators did not precisely convey my ideas. Quite simply, too many Israeli

drivers have become addicted to speed - largely as a result of the raised speed limit. Enforcement programs have to reach detection levels which not only catch the speeders, but deter all others whose speeds just exceed the speed limit if we are to produce big, fast drops in death and injury tolls. Roadside speed cameras can do this, but police pa-

trol cars cannot. Most of the death and injury comes from small increases in speed involving large numbers of drivers. The Netanya program, using cameras to detect speeding and tailgating, showed that speeds can be brought down and death and injury

tolls reduced by 40 percent. Even low fines have been shown to have a sustained impact on those of us who are habituated to high speeds. But the really high speeders - the speed junkies and speed pushers - should be taken off the road to

protect themselves and others. Drivers who drive at very high speeds should be stigmatized, especially if they are senior politicians. They are role models for hooking the public on kinetic violence in the same way that drug pushers hook victims on narcotics

Less than \$10 million is the cost of setting up a nationwide program of speed cameras, the later operation of which would be financed by the revenues from fines. The government's safety fund has a reserve of some \$40 million in unspent funds, and yet the Road Safety Authority has abruptly cut off the Netanya program, which costs peanuts. This is an obscene outrage.

I held the past government accountable for the rise in the death toll, unique to Israel. This government will be held accountable for failure to produce large immediate reductions in the death toll.

ELIHU D. RICHTER MD, MPH, Betts Injury Protection Program, Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School

Sir, - I was perplexed to read in your paper of July 19 that the president has pardoned two female Palestinian murderers of Jews, along with reducing prison terms for four Jewish murderers of Arabs. What's next? Release Yigai Amir - he did only what he thought was best for his people - or a no-limits policy for euthanasia, abortions and capital punishment?

Jailing people is awful, but release of murderers is not the first sten to correct that. A Jewish or any civilized state and society has to take a stand against killing and murder, period. Other people may not value life as much as the Jewish tradition does; but our stand against acquitting the murderers is not against Arabs, it is against murder. Like sexual violence is not a sex crime, but a crime of violence, so political murder is not a form of politics, but plain murder, and poli-

tics should be kept out. MAURITS VAN ZUIDEN

MANUEL LABOR

Sir, - The new minister of labor has vowed to rid us of the tens of thousands of foreign workers. He has also promised to replace them with potential terrorists from Gaza. Doesn't anyone consider the possibility of we Jews doing our own manual labor?

In England, in Germany, even in Saudi Arabia, the local native elite import foreign workers as they are almost literally incapable of dirtying their own hands. People say that, in our modern world, this is an accepted norm.

There is, however, one tiny difference. No other national suffered persecution in exile for 2,000 years until finally being blessed by God with our own country, Eretz Yisrael. If doing our own physical work now has become so abhorrent and therefore so totally unacceptable to us, I think we can sadly conclude that we have become a horribly arrogant and decadent people. Quite pathetic, in

MIKE GLAZER

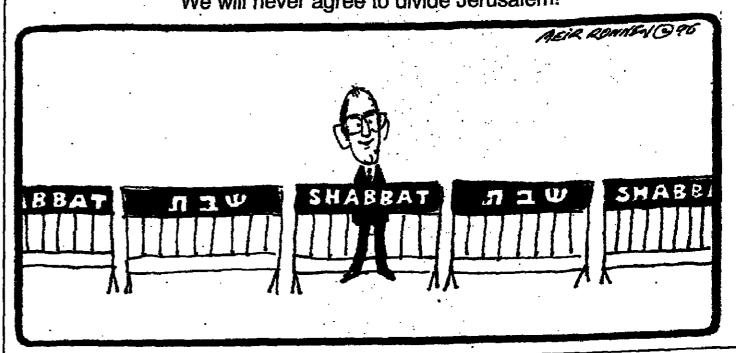
Ganei Tikva.

TWA SECURITY

Sir, - Almost immediately after the tragic air crash with its huge loss of lives, TWA announced that security would immediately be "beefed up." This gives the impression that, until the crash, their security was inadequate. If this was so, TWA has a lot to answer for. If security is adequate, how can it possibly be 'beefed up'"? Or was this announcement made, hoping that future intending fliers will be reassured and will not cancel their bookings?

SYD SILVER Ashkelon.

'We will never agree to divide Jerusalem!'



Father and son guard the land

was still a teenager when in 1966 I first visited Amatzia, a moshav on Israel's border facing the Hebron Hills. A few months later I would spend a full half-year there, working its fields and riding its herd of beef cattle.

The security situation then was dangerous. Infiltrations were rampant. Our fields were occasionally damaged and our livestock stolen. On Independence Day Eve the community was penetrated. An empty house was partially destroyed by explosives laid by Arab terrorists.

The Arabs were violently opposed to a Jewish presence in the Jewish homeland. But I and the permanent residents were Zionist pioneers. We accepted the

As pioneers we deserved - and received - public support. That was the fact of our lives. We were settling the land, developing its potential and protecting other communities, those located in the "middle" of the country. We were following in the paths

of many thousands before us from

both sides of the political spec-

trum who had asserted a Jewish presence in the Jewish homeland during previous generations. The army cooperated fully with us and our needs. We devoted many hours each month to guard duty. The return trip from Kiryat

Gat at night was hazardous. Social and cultural activities were rare and our relative isolation was yet another burden. But we were Zionist pioneers

and that was something to be Thirty years later my 15-yearYISRAEL MEDAD

old son Nedavya watched me attempting to dislodge trespassers out to destroy Jewish agriculture and irrigation equipment while he extinguished blazing fields set afire by enemies of a Jewish presence in the Jewish homeland.

He saw many dozens of Arabs storm the area under cultivation. They tore down two fences, lit fires, uprooted olive saplings and

are quite interested these days in whether the communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza are to expand. Of course they will. Former gov-

ernment edicts will be invalidated. Projects will be unfrozen. Certain essentials that only government can provide will be made available and private investors and entrepreneurs will be invited to help.

Those in power know that without the presence of Jews in Judea, Samaria and Gaza the situation would be worse

broke others. They threw rocks and brandished sticks.

Nedavya witnessed, as I did a generation ago and as did others in earlier generations, Arab violence against so-called "settlements." And so the cycle continues.

That "settlements" are an obstacle is nothing new in the Zionist lexicon. In 1920 the Jewish "settlement" in Jerusalem was attacked by Arab rioters; a year later the Jewish "settlement" in Jaffa was attacked.

Kibbutzim and cities were "settlements." And "settlers" were haredim slaughtered in Hebron and ideological secularists in the Jezreel Valley. Yet there will tions. always be a future to the concept. Nevertheless, those in power of settling the Land.

FOREIGN observers and Jewish opponents to a Jewish presence throughout the Jewish homeland

An attitude of empathy and admiration will be forthcoming from Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition. That's what he promised; that's what we expect.

Unlike some pronouncements made recently regarding a major population growth, most of the residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza are aware that the heady days of the mid-1980s cannot be repeated.

The Oslo accords hang, albatross-like, around the prime minister's neck. President Clinton's peace team keeps up the pressure. Arabs, like those in Shilo last week, will seek to create provoca-

know that without the presence of Jews in Judea, Samaria and Gaza the situation would be worse.

In the first instance, if the communities are at all an "obstacle," they are an obstacle to an independent PLO state, the creation of which would be existentially inim-

ical to Israel. Secondly, Israel cannot continue simply on the basis of a "New Middle East" vision combined with the thrust of academic "post-Zionism." The linking of these

two ideals is a destructive force. The return to basics, to the fun-damental imperatives of Zionism as exemplified by some 150,000 Judea, Samaria and Gaza residents in over 140 communities is not only inspiring. It is the soul of

what this country is. I have full confidence that my son will overcome the scene he witnessed. I do not believe that his psyche was damaged or that the humanist values we instilled in him will be injured.

I am not elated that he is replaying elements of the Arab-Jewish conflict. But I have faith that he and his generation will persevere in guarding and taking care of the

For my son is a Zionist and a vital aspect of Zionism is the physical presence in the Jewish homeland. Without the vistas of our 3,500-year history here, its successes and failures, the exile and destruction as well as the heroic return and reconstruction, we have no future.

And we intend there to be no doubt about the future. We in Judea, Şamaria and Gaza have set-'ded that ···-

The writer represents the Shilo community in the Binyamin Regional Council.

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Peace cannot coexist with settlement

DAN LEON

FTER listening Binyamin Netanyahu's A views on the settlements during their Washington meeting, President Bill Clinton remarked that "the tide of history cannot be turned back."

Perhaps so, but as far as settlements are concerned our prime minister seems determined to deter the flow for at least four

Emerging from the elections with a minister and seven MKs (seven percent of MKs, speaking for some two percent of the population), the settler lobby has never been stronger.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan speaks of adding "hundreds of thousands of new settlers" in existing and new settlements. Netanyahu, who will concentrate on strengthening existing settle-ments and building along the bypass roads, sees the close connection between settlement and final borders.

The settlers themselves have detailed stage-by-stage plans to increase their population, now about 145,000, to up to half a million in four years. Expansion plans are shared by the hard ideological core of Gush Emunim and the more "quality of life"oriented settlements.

Yehiel Leiter who heads the foreign desk in the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, speaks of "the council's strategic goal of preventing a Palestinian state. The only way to prevent such a state is to ensure that there is no territorial contiguity between major Palestinian population centers" in area C, which constitutes 73 per-

cent of the West Bank. This declaration of purpose lets the cat out of the bag. Of course, developing and consolidating understandably says he can do no less than Labor, which had pur-

about two million Palestinians all ported to freeze settlement. political and civil rights. Under its rule the settler population nevertheless grew by some behavior" for the whole Middle 50 percent. (Peace Now says 39 East provide potent ammunition percent, the settlers 46 percent.) for those who have always claimed that Israel is an alien ele-In his "pillars of peace" speech

to the US Congress on July 10, Netanyahu made democracy and human rights a condition for

The choice is between Jabotinsky's 'iron wall' and peaceful integration in the region

the settlements" and "opposing the establishment of a Palestinian state" are among the guidelines of the Netanyahu government. What peaceful political options does this leave to Yasser Arafat and his people?

An editorial in Ha'aretz on David Levy's meeting with Arafat notes that if settlement continues, "the inevitable conclusion will be that meetings with Arafat won't prevent additional broad confrontation with the Palestinians and a deep freeze in the political moves in the region."

THE LIKUD'S political perspectives are very different from those of its predecessor, but in settlement policy, Netanyahu

against aggression."

Eretz Yisrael." might add that according to the

peace. He claimed that until the countries of the Middle East move "from autocracy to democracy," any peace we make will have to be based on "the maintenance of our security assets for the defense of our country Since territory is an important

concept of territory for peace. And Netanyahu made sure to, reconfirm "the right of the Jewish people to live in any place in These are the ideological justifications for settlement. One

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been accepted anywhere. There is no single test of Israel's genuine readiness to advance the peace process, but settlement policy is one of the priority issues. However frequently one pays

lip service to peace, the fact is that settlement and peace intrinsically contradict each other. Sooner or faier, a choice must be made between the concept of the iron wall and that of peaceful integration -

The writer is co-managing edies not throwing stones, it is tor of the Palestine-Israel doubtful whether Israel has the Tournal.

POSTSCRIPTS

CARESSING A white coffin adorned with flowers and a tiny blue airplane, Jessica Dubroff's mother remembered her as a child who couldn't be held back from her passion for flying.

"A month ago she said, 'I want to fly until I die," Lisa Hathaway said during the funeral in Pescadero, California, for the 7-yearold girl who died trying to become the youngest pilot to fly across America.

"She knew how to reach into your soul and stay there. I'm grateful she's been in my life," Hathaway said.

Jessica's 9-year-old brother. Joshua, who reportedly planned to fly over the service, was grounded by bad weather and was at the grave site.

Jessica died along with her father and flight instructor when their single-engine plane went down in an icy rain just after takeoff from Cheyenne, Wyoming, during the second leg of the flight Criticism of the flight mounted

after the crash, with many people saying children shouldn't be allowed to fly. Others have wondered whether the dream of flying across the country was Jessica's or her parents'.

Mourners were unbowed by the criticism, saying Jessica should serve as an example,

"She just lived life to the fullest. She was afraid of nothing," said the Rev. Orril Fluharty. "We're so squeiched by fear we don't live life."

AFTER MAD cow disease, sad doll disease is taking its toll. A plague is decimating collections. of antique plastic dolls, making them cry brown viscous tears, stink of vinegar and infect other dolls

found the answer - iron deficiency. Research by Bradford University scientists has located the

But British scientists have

problem in low-grade from pins that fix dolls' eyes to their plastic

The Bradford team diagnosed a chemical chain reaction between metal and plastic that caused thick brown fluids to leak from joints and eyeballs. The

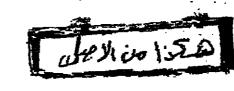
dolls deteriorate rapidly. "We could see that their heads

were becoming misshapen, and brown tears were trickling out of their eyeballs," said scientist Howell Edwards.

. Worse still, they found the discase was infectious in museums and private collections

Once one doll contracts the disease it releases acetic acid or vinegar vapors which penetrate nearby dolls, dissolving iron fixings with the same toxic results. "If just one doll has it, it can affect a whole cabinet," said Edwards.





When a leader debates history who wins?

IKE a college debater who can argue both sides of an lissue equally well, Binyamin Netanyahu has always seemed a clever chap who can make a convincing argument without being overly burdened by actual convictions.

As persuasive as his points may seem the moment he makes them. there is often a disturbing sense that they are pods of windblown rhetoric resting on some arbitrary.

As he begins to come to grips with real life in his new job we are being afforded the interesting prospect of watching how Netanyahu handles himself against a debating partner whom he has no chance of besting - history itself.

History is a merciless debater. It may look like a pushover for awhile as it quietly forms its response to the arguments on the table, but when it rouses itself, plodding but imperturbable, it inevitably sweeps all before it.

Netanyahu got in first licks by informing the world in his confident tone that he can bring peace with the Arabs while rejecting the most basic Arab demands out of hand. There will be no retreat from the Golan, no Palestinian state, no Palestinian role in Jerusalem, no commitment to the land-for-peace formula, no curb on Israeli settlement expansion.

He even hinted that future Israeli concessions would depend on the Arabs becoming democrats
- a fatuous piece of "clevemess" he detached himself from after second thoughts. At the same time he pointedly ignored the Arab leader who is by far his most important parmer in the peace process - the only one, as it happens, democratically elected, Yasser Arafal

In his speech to Congress, Netanyahu dangled before the Arabs nothing but platitudes, yet assured his listeners that "peace with security" would shortly descend on the Middle East. It was a breathtaking opener.

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History, silenced for the moment, sat back in its comer to study the man. Was this brash young politician serious, or was he just being outrageous as an opening debating

ploy?

If the latter, then Netanyahu may be doing alright so far. He has gained the Arabs' attention and made them realize that Israeli concessions, which they have

Netanyahu might - if he comes to realize that cleverness is

> no substitute for wisdom

become accustomed to over the past three years, are not something to be taken lightly. Reciprocity, as he put it, will be demanded. If that is his game, it is a legiti-

mate one, but it will demand of Netanyahu the wisdom to ensure that the peace process does not founder on it. Wisdom is an attribute

Netanyahu has yet to display - his attempt to impose his "First Family" shtick on the public is but the most recent example - but the possibility that it will come with the job cannot be denied him.

If, however, Netanyahu really believed the inanities he expressed in Washington to stormy applause he is in deep trouble, and so are the rest of us standing willy-nilly on his side of the debating floor. History, which takes many guises, will not let such a clinker pass lightly.

If Netanyahu attempts to outsmart the Palestinians and sell them snake oil instead of offering them a dignified settlement he will provoke them into doing just

what we would do if we were in their place - make life hell for the other side. We would probably do it more efficiently, but the Palestinians have shown they are no slouches in this regard.

If Netanyahu believes that Arab wishes can simply be ignored, or that they will perhaps be forgotten if he stalls long enough he will reunite the Arab countries against us, derail the peace process and the Israeli economy, and lead us into dark valleys where we have

THE PALESTINIANS will have their state in the end and this will provide Israel with more stability, security and prosperity than continued occupation of the territories possibly could.

Wisdom means giving the Arabs something to lose, not giving them a standing grievance. Wisdom means dealing with the Arabs, particularly the Palestinians, not as implacable enemies to be outwitted or browbeaten but as potential partners with whom trust must be cultivat-

The options are clear enough for a child to see. But it isn't always certain that politicians, dazzled by their own thetoric, can see as clearly as children.

The fact that Netanyahu has lost his "what, me worry?" grin since assuming office and that his hitherto confident demeanor has given way to a generally worried look is an encouraging sign that he may be coming to recognize that clevemess is no substitute for wisdom.

It is not impossible that he will in the end win the great debate with history by blatantly stealing its arguments and letting it be known that they were his all

That would be a piece of cleverness even history would forgive

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And they screamed 'Gevalt!'

American economic historian John Kenneth Galbraith, the Wall Street crash made 1929 go down in history as memorably as such turning points as 1492, 1776 or 1914.

That mother of all financial traumas was on some Israeli minds recently as tabloids, business circles and politicians screamed gevalt amid plunging bond and share indexes and mounting attacks on the govern-ment's monetary, fiscal, structural and diplomatic policies. Yet the analogies are unfounded and the assaults - which stem from ignorance, malice, or both - can do nothing but shoot their perpetrators in the foot, and the economy in the bead.

Israel's Great Crash took place back in 1983, after hyperinflation had rurned practically every household into a stock-market only as its chief channel for medium- and short-term savings, but even as an alternative for rapidly depreciating checking accounts.

When that market crashed, a depositor's entire financial spine was threatened, so much so that the government was compelled to nationalize the major banks, and launch - albeit two expensive years later - a comprehensive austerity plan.

The current crisis, by contrast, so far involves a massive flight - not from the stock market (which was abandoned by most Israelis in 1994) but from Israel's most popular long-term savings instrument, the provident funds - to shorterterm alternatives. In other words, the small depositor's money has not evaporated, merely moved

from one parking lot to another. But it's not that simple, since the abandoned funds consist mainly of government bonds, and a massive dumping of these would ordinarily loom as a collective statement of inflationary expectations on the part of a public which does not believe a long-term fixed income can catch up with rising consumer prices. Such a public might well run out on a shopping spree with some of its newly available cash, which would indeed accelerate inflation, thus inadvertently fulfilling the prophecy embedded in the withdrawals in the first place.

However, the long-term bonds in

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which the public has invested are index linked, and as such should be seen as inflation-proof. In other words, if this flight is rational then it should be attributed to the funds' involvement in the truly sick part of Israel's financial markets, namely the stock exchange, where provident funds can invest a 10th

of a saver's deposits. But the stampede on short-term savings plans is not new. Though it is accelerating, it began a good two-and-a-half years ago, a period during which some NIS 10 billion was withdrawn from the provident funds, after these had already been collectively worth some NIS 37b, in late 1993.

Chronologically then, the watershed in the public's attitude toward long-term investment was the previous government's negligent 20 ary hikes for

guided economic navigation. Similarly baseless are the attempts to link the markets' behavior to the fate of the peace process. For one thing, the markets have been a shambles since early 1994, stubbornly refusing to be boosted by the Oslo accords.

Moreover, talk of foreign investors ostensibly reconsidering their plans here has yet to be supported with one specific instance of a particular investment plan's cancelation. Meanwhile, Nestle, the world's largest food producer, completed its effective takeover of Osem this week for a hefty \$140m.

Yet industrialists like Koor CEO Benjamin Gaon choose to inflame hysteria with warnings that the government's more cautious peace policies will "halt" foreign investment.

expansion of - the public sector, at community's assault on the central

It takes a lot of nerve for people like Peres and Shohat to blame the new government

for the economic crisis

a time when private-sector pay actually lost 6.5% of its real value. It was that fiscal orgy, coupled with an extravagant commitment to finance a guaranteed 4.4% real annual yield for pension plans over the next 80 years that unleashed local demand and prodded the government to borrow abroad much more than it could earn at home. That is how the halance of payments shifted from a surplus of \$200 million in 1992 to a deficit of

IT TAKES a lot of nerve, therefore, for people like Shimon Peres and Avraham Shohat to attribute the current crisis to the new government's actions and inactions. If anything, it is the culmination of their, and Yitzhak Rabin's, mis-

well over \$4b. today.

bank's tight-money policy, which is the most reasonable way to respond to the economy's evident inflationary pressures, for as long as planned budget cuts and structural reforms have not actually been implemented.

To suggest that interest rates are the financial markets' foremost problem is absurd. Wall Street's current bull market commenced during a series of interest-rate hikes in 1994-'95, which doubled the price of credit from 3% to 6%.

Only then, with a 3% margin between inflation and the price of credit, did that economy stabilize and allow the Federal Reserve to gradually reduce rates to their current 5.25%.

Here too, the Bank of Israel's

about 3% higher than current annual inflation. So what's the fuss about?

One never hears, say, the presidents of Ford or IBM try to set Fed Governor Alan Greenspan's agenda, or tell the White House how to deal with Bosnia. Here too, businessmen should leave macroeconomics in the hands of those legally elected and appointed to deal with it. If they don't like it they can run for office rather than lobby for cheap money with quasi-economic arguments, which might ultimately be taken seriously abroad and inflict real harm on the economy.

The public is shunning the stock market not because of the state of the peace process or the level of interest rates, but because of scandals like those involving Bank Hapoalim's share-manipulator Elon Tzabari, Clal Investments' er La Nationale's allegedly hollow life-insurance policies. And the bond market is teetering because the public has yet to see proof that this government can effectively undo its predecessor's pampering of the public sector.

However, the economically vital vehicle once offered by Tel Aviv's ability to raise capital for local business has not vanished, but simply relocated on Wall Street's Nasdaq exchange, where this year alone Israeli companies have already raised more than \$600m. And the bond market. which in itself may be troubled. neither threatens the government's ability to raise money, nor the safety of Mr. Israeli's bank deposits.

So let's keep it all in proportion: in comparison with 1929, and even 1983, meeting the challenge of 1996 should be a piece of cake.

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Righteous work of reform It is important that the initiative

THE work of the righteous is oft performed by others," goes the rabbinical adage. Let me add that it is often performed by the downright unrighteous.

The revolt this week by the Knesset House Committee, which foiled Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's attempt to railroad the "Norwegian law" through the Knesset, is good news.

The opponents were headed by that well-known Shas zaddik Raphael Pinhasi, who was voting his party's pique at Netanyahu, and by other miffed MKs. The earlier revolt in the Likud Knesset faction, which foiled Netanyahu's clumsy attempt to foist his own choice for Speaker on an embittered faction, was also motivated by raging resentments in the faction, which Netanyahu had sold down the river in his ruthless drive for his own election.

We are still in the early stages of a post-mortem debate on whether or not the new law for the direct election of the prime minister has proven itself. My opinion is that it certainly has, if the criterion is the major purpose behind the change from the previous system.

The new legislation was adopted over four years ago following a dangerous degeneration of the political arena expressed in Shimon Peres's 1990 dirty tricks cabal which attempted to buy renegade MKs from the Likud and the religious parties to back' his bid to replace the Shamir unity

The acting out of the entire sorry plot in full media and public view brought on a crisis of confidence in the very legitimacy of the political system.

The main purpose of the new system was to restore that legitimacy by ensuring that the choice of prime minister would not be left to political horse-trading, but to the choice of the people.

To my mind the new legislation has passed its first test of restoring such legitimacy in a sorely divided polity. Not only is there no doubt that a slight, but clear majority preferred Netanyahu to Peres, it is also clear that a much larger majority voted for parties who backed his approach to the major issue of the day.

THE NEW legislation didn't turn the sweaty arena of party politics into a bed of roses; but that was something it was never intended to do. Nor was its purpose the enthroning of a democratically elected dictator who would run roughshod over a finely-tuned system of checks and balances.

The adveat of a directly elected prime minister who derives his enhanced powers from a heightYOSEF GOELL

ened sense of public legitimacy, however, requires the urgent forging of a stronger, more independent-minded Knesset. Some of the backers of the

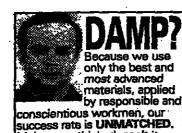
Norwegian law, which would have cabinet ministers resign provisionally from the Knesset to make way for those next in line on their respective faction lists, argue that it would strengthen the Knesset, Maybe so and maybe no. But judging by the identity of those making the argument, it's the height of hypocrisy.

Neither Netanyahu por his immediate cohorts have given any evidence that they care a fig for

The advent of a directly elected premier requires a stronger, more independent-minded Knesset

the Knesset. In the present case, their interest is only too obviously ensuring the permanent presence of a coalition majority as insurance against surprise votes, and rewarding disappointed and enraged candidates, especially among the decimated Likud faction, who didn't make it into the

Continuing reform of the system is both essential and urgent, but it must not be left to such crude attempts from the Prime Minister's Office, whose main purpose isn't forging a healthy balance between executive and legislature, but furthering narrow and fleeting party and personal



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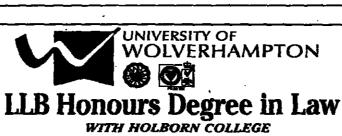
for continuing constitutional reform come from within the Knesset and not from the government. It would also be eminently desirable that the reform be a bipartisan effort. The Knesset is now adjourning for its recess. Hopefully, it will be

exploited to forge a bloc of pub-lic-spirited coalition and opposition MKs who will take charge of continuing the reform process. The direct election law was guided through the Knesset by just such a bipartisan coalition, consisting of Labor's David Liba'i, the Likud's Uriel Lynn, Tsomet's Yoash Tsiddon, and Meretz's Amnon Rubinstein.

Liba'i and Rubinstein continue in the present Knesset. Perhaps they could become the nucleus of a new constitutional reform caucus, and widen its membership in the direction of such Likud MKs as Uzi Landau, Moshe Zandberg, and Sylvan Shalom.

The division between coalition and opposition is an essential part of our system. Equally important is emphasizing the differences between the Knesset and the govemment, and proceeding with a reform to strengthen the Knesset vis-a-vis the directly-elected

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Tutsi-led military overthrows government

THE Tutsi-led army overthrew Burundi's govemment yesterday and named a new leader to replace the ousted Hutu president of this central African nation already ravaged by ethnic

Soldiers set up roadblocks in the capital and cleared people from the streets as the army sealed Burundi's borders and imposed a curfew from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Civil war between Tutsis and Hutus has ripped Burundi apart for the past three years, killing more than 150,000 people. Hutus make up 85 percent of the population of six million and Tutsis make up 14 percent.

News of the coup triggered fears of an ethnic genocide like the one that devastated neighboring Rwanda, where half a million people. mostly Tutsis, were slaughtered by Hutu

troops in 1994. The army named a former Tutsi military ruler, Pierre Buyoya, as Burundi's new president, said military spokesman Longin Minani. The politicians have failed to solve the

problems, and we have decided the country cannot continue like this," Minani said. "Buyoya is more experienced, he is democratic and most people will respect him."

US Embassy spokeswoman Judith Kaula said President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, leader of the coalition government overthrown in the coup, had not resigned. She said he remained at the US ambassador's residence. where he fled Tuesday night, and was meeting

STEFAN LOVGREN BUJUMBURA, Burundi

there with advisers.

"This is not the worst-case scenario because it's not your classic bloody coup in the middle of the night," she said.

At least eight other Hutus, including the foreign minister and two leading lawmakers. sought refuge yesterday in the German ambassador's residence.

Tutsi paratroopers surrounded government buildings in the capital late Tuesday, forcing Ntibantunganya (pronounced En-tee-bahntoon-gan-yah) to flee the palace.

Buyoya, who overthrew Jean-Baptiste Bagaza in a 1987 coup, paved the way for Burundi's first free elections. He was defeated in June 1993 by Melchior Ndadaye, who became the nation's first Hutu president.

Ndadaye was killed three months later by Tutsi soldiers, setting off the ethnic violence. In Bujumbura, a radio broadcast at noon told people to return home. By 2:30 p.m., city streets were empty and the road between the capital and the airport was blocked.

On Radio Burundi, Defense Minister Lt. Col. Firmin Sinzoyiheba said all political activities had been suspended.

On Wednesday, a Tutsi-dominated political party that is a junior partner in Burundi's coalition government called for Ntibantunganya's ouster, accusing him of treason. "The presidency Ntibantunganya is a total failure." said Charles Mukasi, president of the UPRONA party.

"Instead of being the president of the country, he is the head of the Hutu ethnic group." In Ethiopia, the Organization of Africa Unity called on member states and the international community to prepare to isolate any government that would result from the overthrow of

Burundi's government. The UN Security Council said Wednesday its 15 members "strongly condemn any attempt to overthrow the present legitimate government

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the United States "will not, under any circomstances, tolerate a goverament installed by force or intimidation in Burundi.

UN officials already are working on two contingency plans - one to provide aid and a more aggressive mission that could forcefully intervene if the government collapsed, said Kofi Annan, head of UN peacekeeping.

"We have to move very quickly before everything blows up in our faces," Annan said. "History will judge us rather severely for Rwanda and I don't think we can repeat that experience in Burundi."

Burundi lies on the northeast side of Lake Tanganyika and is bordered by Tanzania,

Julie Beal, Bernard Loeb (center) and Vernon Ellingstad of the National Transportation Safety

Board display the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder recovered yesterday from the

FAA: Our radar could not

have picked up a missile

The FBI and CIA are also inves-

tigating an unspecified number of

claims from groups and individu-

als claiming responsibility for the

crash. There is no evidence that

any of the claims is correct, but

law enforcement authorities said

Two communications from sep-

arate groups opposing the stationing of US troops in Saudi Arabia

are under active investigation,

according to senior law enforce-

have enough evidence that sup-

They are credible, but we don't

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several could not be dismissed.

Rebels deny Three more inmates die responsibility in Turkish hunger strike for bomb attack that

killed 63 COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) -Tamil separatist rebels have international spotlight on Turkey's human rights record. denied responsibility for a bomb attack on a commuter train near the capital that killed 63 people

and wounded more than 350. The attack could be the work of "interested parties within the ruling establishment" who want to raise hysteria to gain support for a military crackdown on the rebels, said a statement faxed yesterday from the guerrillas' London office.

The government blamed the guerrillas for the attack, which came one week after rebels overran a major military base in northem Sri Lanka.

· Two · · parcel · · bombs ripped through the train Wednesday as it pulled out of the station at Demwala, a middle-class suburb 10 kilometers south of Colombo. The train was packed with commuters returning home from work

Wednesday's train attack bore the hallmarks of the rebel Tamil Tigers, who marked the 13th anniversary this week of the beginning of their campaign for an independent homeland for the Tamil minority in this predominantly Sinhalese country.

Two suspects were arrested at the train station within minutes of the explosions. Both were Tamils who did not have identity papers, police said, but no further information was released.

Police quoted eyewitnesses as saying two other people had disembarked at an earlier station.

ANKARA (Reuter) - Three leftist inmates died yesterday in a twomonth-old prison hunger strike, raising the number of those who have died to six and turning the

The six were part of a group of more than 300 leftist hunger strikers in around 30 jails who were demanding the closure of Eskisehir prison - dubbed The Coffin by inmates - and protesting against general prison conditions.

In Brussels, socialist members of the European Parliament threatened to block EU funds for Turkey in budget talks later this

"My group is looking at our budgetary powers with a view to blocking any money for Turkey." Pauline Green, the socialists' leader in the parliament, said in a statement

"What is becoming clear is that the Turkish government have used the institutions of the European

Union to gain what they want and bave given nothing of what they promised in return.

The European Parliament last year passed an EU customs union with Turkey after amendments were added that focused on human rights.

France on Tuesday called on Turkey to improve jail conditions in response to the hunger strike. Investigators in Germany have linked recent arson attacks against Turkish-owned targets there to sympathizers with the striking

Human rights workers told Reuters that Mujdat Yanat, 37, died in Turkey's western Aydin prison, where he was serving an 18-year sentence for armed leftist activities.

Earlier, inmate Ali Ayata died in Bursa jail, and Huseyin: Demircioglu starved himself to death in Ankara Central Prison, according to lawyers and rights activists. They were held in con-

nection with membership of separate urban guerrilla groups. Three other hunger strikers died earlier this week.

"My husband, Huseyin Demircioglu, is dead like many other revolutionaries and he didn't shy from paying with his life. I am proud to be the wife of a martyr," angry widow Nalan Demircioglu told reporters outside the Ankara prison.

"They will pay for this, If they think we will cry and fall apart they are wrong. We will win," she

The prisoners and their lawyers charge prison officials with dispersing leftist inmates across the country, depriving them of family visits and legal counsel.

· Dozens of hunger strikers were reported by lawyers to be in a critical condition. So far there has been little discussion of force feeding the inmates - in part out of fear of sparking widespread prison unrest.

considered particularly credible. (The Washington Post) ports their credibility," said a law some eyewitnesses have suggestenforcement official. A State ed they saw something streaking New York terror trial jurors insist TWA news won't affect them

NEW YORK (AP) - Jurors assured a federal judge that jurors about whether they were biased by news covnews coverage of the explosion of TWA Flight 800 had nor influenced them in considering the case against three men accused of plotting to blow up US airliners. US District Judge Keyin Thomas Duffy resumed the trial Wednesday after interviewing each of the jurors in private. Since May, the unsequestered jury has been hearing the case of what prosecutors call a

Aviation Administration on

Wednesday disputed an assertion

by Defense Department spokesman

Kenneth Bacon that FAA radar

probably could have picked up a

"The FAA's top radar experts

have confirmed that our radar

would not have picked up a target

with the dimensions and speed

described to us that a missile

would operate," said FAA spokes-

Officials previously have said that radar tapes from that night

show no sign of a missile, though

missile had there been one.

woman Drucilla Andersen.

terrorism conspiracy by Islamic militants. Ramzi Youssef, who faces trial later as the alleged mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and two others are charged with plotting unsuccessfully to blow up 12 airliners in flight over Asia

on a single day in January 1995. Their defense lawyers asked Duffy to interview the

erage of the jettiner crash, which exploded over the Atlantic off eastern New York, killing 230 people. Officials have not determined the cause, but are investigating whether a bomb, missile or catastrophic mechanical failure was to blame.

Department source said, "We are taking all these claims seriously

and referring any we get to the

FBI. But you have to remember that when something like this hap-

pens, we always get people calling in claiming credit."

Copenhagen and the consulate in

Marseille, France, have received

telephone calls from two individ-

uals claiming credit for what they

called an attack. The individuals,

who did not identify themselves,

did not name any group in con-nection with their claims, and

officials said neither claim was

In addition, the US Embassy in

Court transcripts indicated the 12 jurors and six alternates were trying to avoid reports of the crash. Duffy joked with them about other television they said they watched, including Yankees baseball games, and he complained about crash news includ-

ing "the wildest speculation."
"I've got to tell you it's speculation of the worst type," Duffy told one juror, "And when the news media is without news, they report things which aren't the truth."

UN to run out of money as US fails to pay dues

A FAILURE by the United States

to pay the United Nations a promised \$80 million in back dues means that the world body will run out of money this month and will have to use funds intended for peacekeeping to pay its bills through 1996, the UN's chief financial officer said Wednesday.

The family

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JOHN GOSHKO UNITED NATIONS general for management, said that

earlier optimism about a slight easing of the UN's deep financial crisis had been dashed by a new shortfall in the money it had hoped to get from Washington. UN officials had been counting on the US payment to keep ready cash available for the organiza-

> least until sometime this fall. The United States is the UN's biggest debtor, with total arrearages of about \$1.3 billion for its share of the regular budget and

tion's regular operating budget at

peacekeeping assessments.
In April, Congress appropriated \$304 million to cover the unpaid portion of the US assessment for the UN's 1995 regular budget, and Connor announced at the time that the United States had promised to deliver \$165 million by the end of

this month. Instead, he said ? Wednesday, the United States has paid only \$85 million.

In addition, Connor noted, payment of the remaining \$80 million is dependent on Secretary of State Warren Christopher certifying to Congress that the United Nations is not exceeding the \$2.6 billion no-growth budget that it adopted at US insistence. Because of uncertainty about when the certification might be made and the money turned loose, Connor said, the world body will end the year much more deeply in the red than he had estimated previously.

In April, Connor had said that a US payment of \$165 million would reduce the UN's 1996 reg-ular budget deficit to \$200 million, the same as in 1995.

(The Washington Post)

Wednesday he said the 1996 shortfall will be at least \$287 milhttp://www.icsleam.com

after being struck by lightning WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) - A Namibian man was struck and killed by a car just minutes after he was stunned by a bolt of lightning that

Man run over

knocked him down in a street. The Namibian newspaper said yesterday that David Mushikele, 26,

died instantly when hit by the vehicle, which then sped away.

Two other men walking on the Windhoek street with Mushikele also were hit by the lightning early Wednesday but managed to get out of the road before being hit by the car. Both men were taken to a hospital. Police are trying to trace the hit-and-run driver, the newspaper said.

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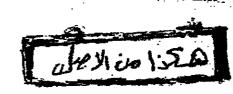
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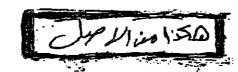




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Kahalani's new model police force

The internal security minister says our law-enforcement officers should be kinder and gentler, even when dealing with demonstrations,

Bill Hutman reports

HE proverbial tough but caring big brother is not an image usually associated with the country's policemen, especially in this period of weekly violent confrontations with haredim over Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Such confrontations are nothing new. Under the previous government, there were frequent incidents between protesters and policemen. Each side blamed the other for the violence, and the animosity only grew.

Now Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani wants to leave the past behind when it comes to the police's relations with the public, and this week he took the first step toward doing so.

"A policemen must be a big brother to the public," Kahalani said in an interview. Earlier he had announced strict limitations on the use of mounted policemen and water cannons to break up demonstrations.

"What is a big brother? He is someone who knows how to pat you on the back, to give a little money when it's needed. He knows when to help, and when to be mad," Kahalani said. "The policeman must be like a big brother. The public should feel good when he is around."

A helmeted policeman sitting atop a large horse with a wooden club in his hand doesn't make the public feel good, according to Kahalani. Neither does a policeman sitting inside a large, armored water cannon, he said. So both are now to be out of sight during demonstrations.

"A policeman must look a person directly in the eye," Kahalani said, describing the new orders given out to police brass around the country when dealing with demonstrations.....

The water cannons and horses will be available, but they will be far away, ... something like a half a kilometer from the demonstration. Only if there is no other choice will they be used. We don't have to always be crossing the line and finding ourselves in a situation where we are in physical conflict."

The 52-year-old minister called the policy, "our new line of restraint. It is going to be our policy not just at Rehov Bar-Ilan, but everywhere. Tomorrow there could be a protest in Acre, or the day after tomorrow of the Women in Green, and these are the rules that we are



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani: Only if there is no other choice will water cannons and horses be used.

going to abide by."

Police brass generally scoffed at Kahalani's new instructions. One senior officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the new guidelines would make little difference on the

ground.
The water cannons and horses would be kept

away from the scene at the start of a demonstration, and brought in the minute they were needed, as has always been done, according to

The minister had promised to publicize broad new guidelines for police handling of demonstrations this week. But he only addressed the (David Rubinge

matter of water cannons and mounted police.

Kahalani denied having backed down from his original plans for a "new line of restraint" in the nation's police force, as was rumored among police brass who believed the new minister was off the mark in blaming police, rather than protesters, for violent incidents.

The major criticism of Kahalani came from the Jerusalem police. Kahalani had rapped the city's police force, and its chief, Cmdr. Arye Amit, for "breaking heads" during last Saturday's haredi rioting at Rehov Bar-Ilan.

"The newspaper headlines that I didn't give Amit my backing are unfounded.... But at the same time, anyone who doesn't follow my policy won't be around for long. I don't want to play games." Kahalani said.

"No one will teach me about comradeship among fighters, or show me someone who has commanded more units than me, and tell me how to show backing for his fighters."

He also said. "My goal is to turn the policeman into a more humane creature. And that doesn't mean weak. Someone who is humane is not weak."

KAHALANI DOESN'T expect that his new policy on demonstrations will cause a shakeup in police brass, or that Amit will be

replaced.

The minister attributed much of the noise about his criticism of the handling of demonstrations to internal police politics. He said that the practice of officers vying for promotion by lambasting rivals in the press won't work. The issue of the police's behavior during demonstrations, is too serious for discussion to be deteriorate into name-calling and accusations, he said.

"I have always sought positions in which I can influence what happens in this country, and that is what I plan to do now," said the soft-spoken Kahalani who, unlike many politicians, tends to eschew demagoguery.

Other issues he wants to tackle include the traffic police's desperate need of improvements, and the separation line between Israel and the Palestinians, for which the police are to be largely responsible. This is currently little more than a plan waiting to be put into place. And the government's policy on Palestinian activity in Jerusalem needs to be firmed up.

His major responsibility, however, is ensuring internal security, as his job title indicates. Most security experts are painting a dismal and frightening picture of what awaits the country in terms of the threats of the renewal of terror attacks.

"Even if there is real peace between us and the Palestinians, there will still be Hamas and Islamic Jihad, who also want Jaffa and Ramle," Kahalani said. "Even if there is peace. I think that we will still have problems with those two extremist groups."

But what is of even greater concern to Kahalani is that even supporters of the peace process are likely to turn on Israel: "When we come to discuss the final stage [of the Oslo accords] and the Palestinians realize that they won't get what they want on Jerusalem; that we don't exactly agree to the right of return of millions of Palestinians; that their demands for water won't be met: and that we won't give up Ariel – we can expect problems."

In the meantime, however, the minister's attention is on Rehov Bar-Ilan, and he will be watching closely this weekend to see how his new policy of restraint toward demonstrators is implemented.

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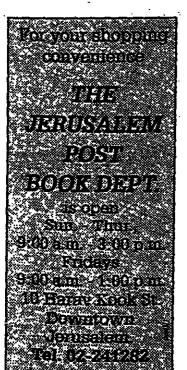
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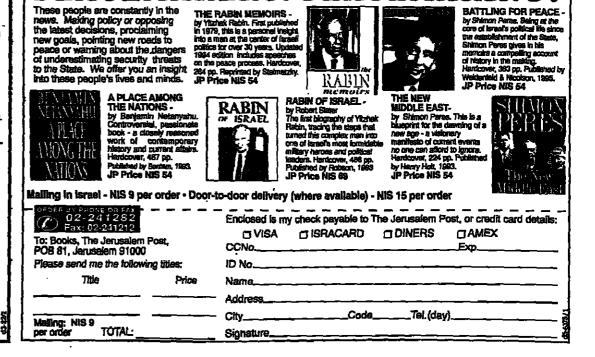
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PEACEMAKERS. PEACEMAKING?

The tricky business of leaving Lebanon

T has been said about war that it's easy to know how to enter. but not how to exit.

Fourteen years after the 1982 Lebanon war, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is finding out how complicated it is to leave Lebanon.

Few would have predicted that Israel would find itself in a position where it has to virtually plead with Syria, which dominates the country, to let it leave Arab territory.

While this week's meeting between Foreign Minister David Levy and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat underscores the importance of maintaining ties with the Palestinians, the notion of Lebanon First is in fact the first exploratory diplomatic initiative of the Netanyahu government, and is the way that Israel seeks to engage the Syrian

This is also the focus of the government's talks this week with US Special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross, who also spent six hours with President Hafez Assad this week. Netanyahu said on his recent

visit to Washington that Lebanon was the right place to begin with Syria, saying Damascus should prove itself by quieting Hizbullah. The reason why the premier wants to reach an agreement with Syria in Lebanon is because it does not see a point of convergence on the Golan, and Labor's approach of doing a package peace deal for both the Golan and southern Lebanon is not on the cards.

The prime minister has said privately that he does not believe a peace treaty is possible with Syria unless Israel fully yields the Golan, but this is a price that he is not willing to pay due to the resultant security risks.

Yet, Netanyahu is not seeking a war option with Syria, a move which could spark a potential regional conflagration. At the same time, he has made clear that

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The Netanyahu government wrestles with the Syria enigma, writes David Makovsky

should Damascus heat up Hizbullah, Israel is willing to go after Syrian targets in Lebanon just as it went after a Syrian base in retaliation for the attack by the Damascus-based Abu Musa group recently. It should be noted that southern Lebanon is quieter than usual now but analysts say this could be due to Hizbullah's preoccupation with Lebanese elections next month.

IT SEEMS like the strategy towards Syria regarding the Golan could be summed up as No Peace, No War. But will the last part of this strategy, when it comes to Lebanon, be No Exit?

Israel harbors no territorial designs over Lebanon, and only installed a buffer zone in southern Lebanon in 1985 for security purposes. However, instead of the security zone serving as buffer against attacks, it has become a rallying call for Hizbullah attacks under the banner of ending Israeli occupation of the country.

Even leading doves such as Meretz MK Yossi Sarid back military officials who say Israel cannot unilaterally leave Lebanon because there is no guarantee that Hizbullah would not take up positions along Israel's border and resume fire at northern

Yitzhak Rabin used to say that Israel is ready to pull back from southern Lebanon after the Lebanese Army deploys southward and demonstrates over a six-month period that it can successfully disarm Hizbullah. The Lebanese Army wanted to do so the 1993 Operation Accountability, but the real master of Lebanon - Syria -

demurred. If one wants an agreement in Lebanon, those baseline terms can be struck only with

Damascus. Making its Syria strategy dependent upon what Damascus does with Lebanon explains Netanyahu's little-noticed change of policy in the last few weeks.

In an interview during the election campaign, he called upon the international community to impose sanctions on Syria like those imposed on Iraq and Libya. a notion which has been referred to as "triple containment." Some even thought he would call for sanctions during his trip to the

But apparently after prodding by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Netanyahu has come around to believe that he needs Syria if he wants to get out of Lebanon, and therefore all the talk about containment has disap-

Netanyahu even said he does not have a "containment policy." During his trip to the US, he sought to ward off a Republican congressman who wanted to quietly raise the possibility of putting forward tough new anti-Syrian legislation. Engaging Syria also has the benefit of ensuring that Israel can freely pursue talks with other Arabs and there is less pressure on the

Palestinian and Jordanian tracks. The key question remains whether Syria would find a Lebanon First approach to be. consistent with its interests. Doubtlessly, Lebanon First may not be to Syria's liking.

First, what Syria does not like to publicize is that it enjoys having the IDF in southern Lebanon because the more it bleeds there, the more it demonstrates that Damascus has found Israel's Achilles heel on how to pressure Israel in the Golan talks.

Second, the extension of the. Lebanese Army in the south could spell the weakening of Syria's grip on the country. Third, by agreeing to Israel's security terms, Syria will be tak-ing on Hizbullah and its patron, Damascus's ally Iran, but without any guarantee that Israel will yield the Golan Heights. Yet, US President Bill Clinton

seems curious to explore the Lebanon First approach and if handled correctly, Netanyahu can apparently gain support from several Arab countries who are not enamored with Syria, especially if the approach is packaged as a method to get Israel to leave

However, the US may be capable of impacting upon Syria's response by putting forward a set of disincentives if Damascus does not comply, and incentives

Putting forward sticks and not just carrots is something the Clinton administration has not done because it is concerned it could cause Syria to join an axis of other rogue states.

However, this could change. The mood in the US about Syria has soured after 20-odd trips by Christopher to Syria without any breakthrough and especially after Assad refused to see Christopher during a trip to Damascus in April.

While the preference would be to use gentle persuasion, some believe Damascus must be informed that if it does not play a constructive role, it may be asked to pay the price. "Syria has been treated in the past by the US and Israel like a regional superpower, when in fact it is vulnerable," said one non-Israeli source who favors a new approach.

In the disincentive column, Syria would seem to have some economic vulnerabilities. Syria's economy is in trouble. With a GDP of \$10.5 billion, its economy is about an eighth the size of Israel's, and it dropped in real terms by 3.7 percent during

Moreover, it is saddled with a debt greater than the size of the whole economy at \$15-20 billion. And Syria is not servicing most of the debt which it owes now to Russia and Europe.

There could be pressure upon foreign investors not to maintain the Syrian oil fields, just as the US is doing with Iran. According to the US Department of Energy, Syria has plateaued at 600,000 barrels per day, providing it in 1994 with \$1.86. in revenue. Moreover, Syria's oil output represents no less than 70% of its total export revenues for which it receives hard currency. (This seems to be \$1b. less in export revenues than it was earning two years earlier.)

There is also the US anti-terrorism bill signed into law last April which prohibits financial transactions with countries called "terrorist" states, a law which could apply to Damascus. Syria is on the State Department Terrorism List.

Yet, as worded, the provision could bar all the \$223 million of US exports to Syria, including oil

equipment, texules and grain. Even if one favored the use of sticks if Syria does not comply, there may be an equal need to consider carrots. Some believe this will involve formalization of Syria's control over Lebanon.

Yet, others believe that Syria will insist upon the one carrot that Netanyahu won't provide: exit from the Golan.



Iran tries to buy respectability with MIA exchange

The return of Ron Arad might hinge on whether Teheran wants a rapprochement with the West, Steve Rodan writes

HABTAI Shavit didn't of absolute mutuality. return from Ben-Gurion Airport to attend the news conference that announced the return of the bodies of Yosef Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh. The former Mossad chief preferred it that

For Shavit, who had been intimately involved in the negotiations for the return of the bodies of the two IDF soldiers, the deal promises little in the way of future such releases.

"I wouldn't sow illusions on this matter," Shavit says. "I relate to this as an achievement in and

The politicians from Israel and Germany might be radiating optimism, but the prisoner-and-body exchange with Hizbullah leaves intelligence analysts and defense officials with little more than a bad taste in their mouths. As many of them see it, Israel failed to use the negotiations to win the release of captured Israel Air Force navigator Ron Arad or receive evidence that he is alive.

After nearly 18 months of intermittent efforts, Israel decided that an agreement for the return of the bodies of Alsheikh and Fink was better than nothing. "At a certain point," a senior defense official recalls, "it was a situation of take it or leave it. We took it."

The result is that Israel has no hard information on the fate of Arad or his whereabouts. Defense sources say Hizbullah and Iran refused to issue any acknowledgment, let alone evidence, that Arad is being held captive. This despite their insistence that Israel release prisoners to demonstrate its sincerity in the negotiations.

"There were periods when we linked their case to other prisoners and MIAs," recalls Ya'acov Perry, former General Security Service chief and now the government's adviser on the MIAs. "But it became clear that [Alsheikh and Fink's) return was the only step possible with these people, whose information is limited to them."

In the end, Israel caved in to Hizbullah insistence that only the bodies of Alsheikh and Fink were up for sale. The two Givati soldiers had been wounded and cap-tured in a Hizbullah ambush on February 17, 1986, in South Lebanon. Hizbullah announced their capture and IDF officers later asserted that they were exe-

By 1991, Hizbullah offered an exchange of the two dead soldiers for Hizbullah members captured by Israel. The Shi'ite organization released evidence relayed to Israel that convinced the IDF that Alsheikh and Fink had died.

But the Hizbullah price was too high for Israel. The Shi'ite group wanted an exchange that comprised all of its members being detained by Israel and the South Lebanese Army. By 1995, after numerous breaks in contact the organization shortened its list but included its top two members, Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani.

In February 1995, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl intervened. After the failed efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the chancellor obtained reluctant Israeli consent to initiate contacts with Iran on a prisoner exchange. Once again, the Iranians and Hizbullah refused to discuss Arad.

For the Israeli government panel dealing with the IDF soldiers missing in action, the choice appeared to be agreeing to negotiate an inadequate deal or walk away from the prospects of any exchange. Defense sources say the team, then headed by former General Security Service official Yossi Ginossar, suggested another option: negotiations on the basis

In other words, Israel would exchange bodies for bodies, information on the whereabouts of missing Hizbullah members for information of Israel MIAs. Family visits would be granted in exchange for Hizbullah allowing the same to Israelis.

We didn't diverge from this principle," Perry, who replaced the ailing Ginossar in the negotia-

DURING APRIL'S Operation Grapes of Wrath in South Lebanon, Iran moved to intensify the contacts. The Germans, who wanted to deflect US and Israeli pressure to downgrade their relations with Teheran. moved quickly, and several weeks later defense officials realized that a deal was nearing comple-

Defense sources say Hizbullah and Iran postponed a final agree-ment until after the results of the Israeli election. Some of the sources say Teheran apparently did not want such a deal to help the campaign of then-prime minister Shimon Peres.

All this time, the negotiations were being monitored and managed by Perry's panel of intelligence analysts. The two-year-old group, founded by Yitzhak Rabin and which met weekly, included representatives from the Mossad, GSS and IDF intelligence.

Their job was to assess whether Hizbullah or Iran was holding Arad and when they would raise the Israeli navigator as a bargaining chip. There was intense intelligence-gathering during this whole time," a member of Perry's panel says.

The Israeli panel learned that the negotiations for an exchange had sparked heated debates both in Hizbullah and Iran. It also realized that no deal was possible without Iranian pressure on Hizbullah

But Israeli intelligence learned nothing more about Arad's fate. He hasn't been heard of since 1988 after negotiations between Israel and Amal failed. Dirani, then head of Amal's security; defected from Amai and took Arad with him to a safe house in the Bekaa Valley.

Intelligence sources now say Dirani lost Arad in May 1988 during the battle at Maidoon in South Lebanon. The sources, basing their information on interrogations of Dirani, say two bodyguards were injured and Arad was. taken from the house. The new captors were believed to have been members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, which trains and equips Hizbullah.

Since then, there has been no sign of Arad and nobody, particularly Hizbullah, claims to have him. "It's impossible to know if Hizbullah has MIAs or bodies."

The negotiations also have not produced any trace of four other MIAs. Zecharia Baumel, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman have been missing since the battle of Sultan Ya'acoub in June 1982. Ilan Sa'adon was kidnapped and killed by Hamas in 1989 and his body has never been recovered.

Defense sources acknowledge that the lion's share of their efforts has focused on Arad. Over the last few years, the families of the Sultan Ya'acoub MIAs have been granted less and less access to IDF intelligence officers responsible for conducting the search for the missing soldiers.

Yona Baumel says over the last two weeks he's received information that two of the MIAs, including his son, are alive and being held in Lebanon, perhaps by Shi ite elements. But his leads have never made it to a skeptical

IDF intelligence. 'For the last two years, they've been saying that Zach's dead and they'll bring the proof," Baumel says. "But they've never brought the proof. Meanwhile, we've received information that some of the MIAs are alive."

"I don't know of such information," says Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

As for Arad, his fate might hang on the Iranian promise that negotiations for future prisoner releases will be resumed. Bernd Schmidbauer, the German envoy who engineered the return of Alsheikh and Fink, says this week's exchange established a degree of trust between Israel, Hizbullah and Iran.

SCHMIDBAUER sees Iran as the key player. It wants to prove its respectability to the West as well as its influence in key Middle East, hot spots like Lebanon.
During Operation Grapes of Wrath, Iran unsuccessfully tried to negotiate with the US over an end to the fighting between Israel and Hizbullah.

But Schmidbauer could offer little more than hope - hope that Arad was still alive and that future-negotiations would continue to be based on reciprocity. This would mean Arad would be exchanged for Obeid and Dirani.

"I am optimistic about finding a solution to all the other questions on our minds," Schmidbauer says.

German sources say Schmidbauer believes that Arad is alive, an assessment formally shared by Israel but met with skepticism by some in IDF intelligence. The Germans and the Israelis agree, however, that Iran has not yet determined its price for the return of Arad. Teheran and Hizbullah knew that Israel would have exchanged Dirani and Obeid - both kidnapped so that they later could be traded for the IAF navigator - for Arad, regardless of his state.

The assessment by both the Germans and the Israelis is that the government in Teheran does not know Arad's whereabouts. Or, the navigator is being held by opposition radicals, such as the Revolutionary Guard, uninterest-ed in completing a deal that would move Iran closer to the

The iranians have not finally decided what is the price of Ron Arad," says Hussein Agha, a leading expert on Iran based in London who teaches at King's

"I tend to sense that there are two camps, both inside Hizbullah and Iran. But I think the dominant camp is the one that wants to do business. Whether the dominant camp wins depends on the price. It won't start trouble with the dissidents for very little."

In the end, Agha says, Hizbullah and Iran might put off an Arad release until Israel begins pulling out of South Lebanon. Israeli officials privately say they understand that might be the price they will be asked to pay. .

So, despite a promising formula of reciprocity, intelligence analysts say an Arad exchange might hang on the question of whether Iran wants a genuine rapprochement with the West.

optimistic Schmidbauer is uncertain of that one. "We don't know whether Iran really changed its policy," he says. "We'll have to wait and see."

Shavit, the former Mossad chief, agrees. "Iran did what it did out of cold calculations on the strategic level to advance vital interests and it paid the price for those interests," he says. "I. wouldn't go so far as to say that this deal reflected a change in its

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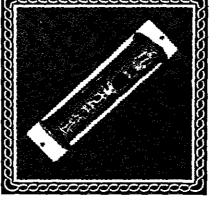


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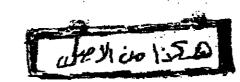


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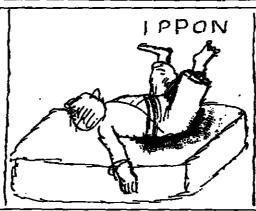
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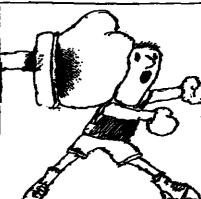












Monday: It's been a busy few days for Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman and for her relatives

and friends. Maybe too busy for

into the Opening Ceremonies.

She carried the Israeli flag

Hatoel fought hard all this

morning in the women's foil

fencing competition before suc-

It's now the second semifinal

in the afternoon. In the section

reserved for athletes and their

families, Hatoel hasn't yet

arrived. But her husband is seated, silently devouring a batch of

Chicken McNuggets.
Strapped to his back is their

two-year-old son, Idan, oblivi-

ous to attacks and parries. He's

Tuesday, Georgia World Congress Center: Yael Arad has

just lost her final competitive

match and with it a bronze

Her husband of nine months,

Lior Kahane, picked a good day

to see her compete - for the first

Previously, Lior explains,

"I only watched on television,

turning my head in the other direction" because of the rough-

Now, he says filing out of the

Arad had just been asked by a

The news is relayed to Lior.

Memorial Coliseum: The bouts

in the second pool of 51-kg.

boxers are about to begin. The

opening preliminary-round

match involves Israel's Vacislav

Syria's Khaled Falah had beat-

Let's scan the brackets. Can it

be - an Israeli-Syrian bout in

the making? Nah, not unless

they both defy predictions and

proceed to the finals. Falah

seems to have been slotted in

washed by Bibi's credo that

peace talks are incompatible

en a Thai earlier in the day.

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reporter what her post-judo plans are. "Babies," she said,

arena, "I'm very happy I saw her and that she gave the best

when Yael traveled abroad to

train and compete,

not missing a beat.

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Israel's hopes for a follow-up to the successes at Barcelona vanished this week, Hillel Kuttler reports from Atlanta

LEX Giladi, a member of the International Olympic Committee, had the honor Tuesday of presenting the medals in the men's 78-kg. judo competition at the Georgia World Congress Center.

If things had followed the form of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Giladi might have draped another bronze medal - or even higher over the head of fellow countryman Oren Smadja.

But in the first week of competition, Israel's three best hopes for medals in Atlanta emerged with none. Smadja was eliminated in the second round, 1992 silver medalist Yael Arad lost her bronze-medal match in women's 61-kg. judo, and Gocha Chichiashvili was beaten just before reaching the bronze-medal round in 82-kg. Greco-Roman wrestling.

Also, fencer Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman was a controversial decision away from reaching the final eight in foil.

It was a disappointing outcome for a delegation of 25 athletes and many more coaches and officials who came here dreaming for

But Atlanta may not qualify as a disaster yet. No sooner had Arad lost her earlier, third-round match to drop out of the running for a gold than the Israeli delegation began mumbling about salvaging a medal in yachting or windsurfing 500 km. away in Savannah.

The one sport where Israel fell far below expectations was in shooting, where Boris Polak sank in the 10m, air rifle connetition. said Yitzhak Ben-Melech, sports director of the delegation.

Israel figured on five athletes finishing in the top 10, he said, and that may still be realized by Games' end.

SOME believe the country's surprising success four years ago created undue expectations among Israelis that two more medals could be brought home again this

Criticism also abounds about fundamental flaws in the Olympic Committee of Israel, the country's sports associations, and even the government itself for failing to see beyond Barcelona. In fact, some said that the 1992 Olympics achieved precisely the opposite effect by camouflaging institutional shortcomings before a delirious public.

"Achievers like Smadja and Arad don't reflect Israeli sport, but rather themselves, their own

determination," Giladi said.

Israel's greatest faults, he and others charged, lie in the inability to develop talented athletes from a very young age, train and retain superior coaches, and adequately subsidize even mature athletes and coaches as other countries do. "It's ridiculous and absurd that you say: 'Achieve and then we'll pay you," " said the secretarygeneral of Israel's wrestling federation, Reuven Kenan.

"You have to invest in a kid with the optimistic view that [he] will succeed."

"I think there are a number of things that must change in Israeli sport," Arad said. "Above all, the approach to athletes, supporting them emotionally. That's supreme. It's more important than

money or anything."

Dan Kutler, a California native who arrived in Israel two years ago and swims the 100m. butterfly, blamed the "very unprofes-sional aspect of Israeli sports."

"It's a symptom of some of the backward policies that exist at every level of Israeli society, from education to economics to politics. Unfortunately, it trickles into sports ... and the athletes are the

ones to pay the price."

The Israeli sports system must understand that "if they want to produce successful athletes, they need to start with them from the beginning. That means giving them financial support, support from the federations. There's no way they can become successful unless they have the tools from

the beginning," Kutler said.

Yoram Oberkovitch, president
of the Israeli federation, defended the funding charge, saying that while it is not a lot," NIS 40 million has been invested in the past four years, mostly via lottery revenue.

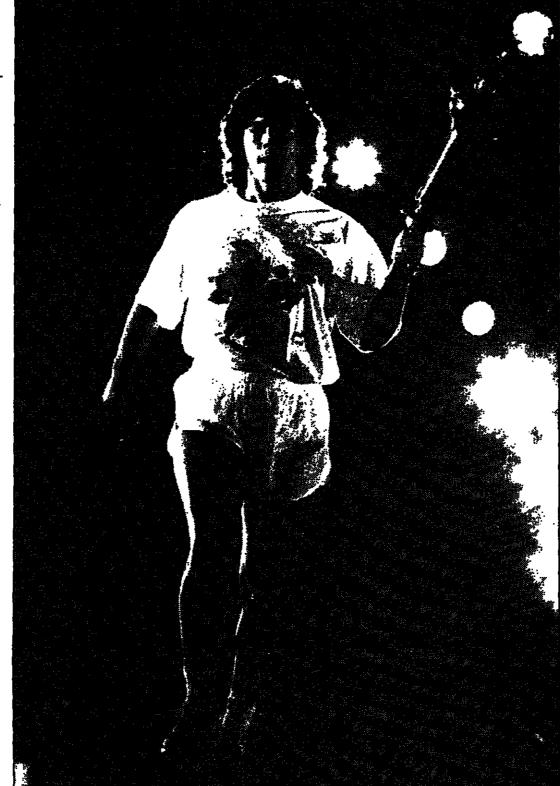
Another restraint on athletic development is the small talent pool in a nation of five million. Kenan said the natural talent of Chichiashvili, a native of Tbilisi. is such that a sophisticated training regimen was developed for him, "a program that even in Georgia he wouldn't have got-

But Chichiashvili, like Arad and several other top Israeli athletes, must train a lot abroad because he has absolutely no competition in Israel," said Kenan.

Those shortcomings appear to feed on themselves. Boxing coach Valeri Revreba, a native of Ukraine, said "little by little, the level of boxing is rising" in Israel, and not just because of the Soviet aliya. But a lack of role models, in boxing and other sports, hurts because Israeli youth "need to grow up and see there's honor and a future, and this gives them the idea that they can be successful."

"Much of what we did occurred despite the system," said Arad's coach, Danny Leopold. "Even though the system has improved a lot, it still needs to undergo changes, especially in coaching. "An athlete dedicating eight to

10 years, who makes it a profes-



Judoka Yael Arad, despite failing to gain a medal in this year's competition, remains a symbol for local athletes, as she did in carrying the torch prior to the Maccabiah Games in 1993. (Hanoch Gulumann)

sion, can't be getting NIS 2,000 monthly and think that's okay. For the past six months only, [Arad] has been making NIS 3,000.

"If we want good, serious athletes who want to achieve and do only that, we must give them a Thigher I salary."

But all is not lost. Arad com-

peted for a medal despite a lengthy viral infection. Chichiashvili finished fifth overall and plans to go to the Sydney 2000 Olympics. And Kutler and 100m. backstroker Eytan Orbach

established new Israeli records. Leopold said he sees "lots of potential in Israel" in judo.

Revreba has prospects in mind in the 57, 60, 63 and 70 kg. weights. destined to stand as a symbol.

It all seems to come back to Arad. For better or worse, she is Said Giladi; "She's done something no one else will ever do. She earned Israel's first Olympic

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RIDAY night, Olympic Stadium: "The Islamic Republic of Iran," the public address announcer intones. "Iraq. Ireland. Israel."

Where's Israel? The team should be coming over the rise near the cauldron and making their way onto the track. Did the Iranians and Iraqis utter something mean?

It seemed the organizers began rushing the delegations along, trying to make up for delays that ultimately stretched the parade of nations into a two-hour ordeal.

But the Jewish State will be bullied by no one. Chef de mission Efraim Zinger explained later that Israel could not be rushed but would enter disciplined, dignified.

Now how about some dignity on line at the bus station on Friday afternoons?

Fifteen minutes later: Israeli athletes are whittling away the hour in the humid night while the remaining national delegations enter and join them on the

Jordanians stop by. Kuwaitis too. People photograph one another.

On cue, the Israelis begin singing Happy Birthday. It is yachter Shani Kedmi's 19th. Athletes from other countries

Zinger punches some numbers on his cellular phone and hands it to the birthday girl. Kedmi is saying hi to her folks from the most visible place on earth.

Downtown: The Games of the "I've heard that all before," he XXVI Olympiad are truly an ing together, borders forgotten. This is two weeks of brotherhood, of realizing the ideal of united nations competing on the

field of play. Let's see what this kiosk a block from Centennial Olympic Park is selling. Olympics Tshirts: \$22. Olympics magnets: \$5. Hats for \$20, with a country's flag design embroidered across the top, the name in the country's language on the back and an outline of the land under

Hmmm, this sure looks the blue and white. Yisrael, it says. What's this? No West Bank,

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Confronting a curious world

BELAYNESH Zevadia is a little tired of all the sudden attention. She shifts nervously in her chair in the middle of the Foreign Ministry's hallway, politely asking the photographer to finish snapping her picture so she can "get out of people's way."

But as the Foreign Ministry's first Ethiopian-born civil servant, and now the first one posted to a foreign consulate, the 30-year-old Zevadia knows she has to grit her teeth and present a smiling face to a curious world.

But she doesn't mind. She knows she's a symbol for Israel's Ethiopian community, and she's proud of it. It's the shutter-clicking and constant requests for interviews that are the

embarrassing part.
"Why am I the only one [of my cadet class] in the papers all the time?" she asks good-naturedly, in her still-hesitant

English.
"I'm very proud to be the first Ethiopian in the Foreign Ministry," she continues in Hebrew, her voice suddenly firmer. "It's a responsibility, I know that, If I'm successful, it will reflect well on the entire Ethiopian community. "But first of all, I'm Israeli, even if I was born in Ethiopia. And I'll be representing the State of Israel, not the

Ethiopian community." On August 13, Zevadia leaves for Chicago. As No. 3 in the Israeli Consulate, she will serve as the publicrelations officer, where her main responsibility will be to explain the government's position on various issues to the Chicago area population and the local media.

She is already deftly sidestepping any question that might reveal her own

political leanings. "This is not a political job," she insists. "My task will be to represent the position of the present government, no matter the party in power."

Israel's first Ethiopian consular official heads to Chicago. Sue Fishkoff reports

ZEVADIA hails from the village of Ambova in Gondar province, the Jewish region of northern Ethiopia. Her father. Geta, was kes-ha-kessim (head Jewish "priest") of Gondar. He died in 1989, three years after immigrating to

Zevadía arrived here in 1984 on a lewish Agency scholarship to study at the Hebrew University, which was arranged by her brother, who arrived in Israel 10 years earlier.

She earned her BA in international relations and African Studies, and is now writing her MA thesis on Israel-Ethiopian relations.

"I have to ask my professor for an extension, since I won't finish it before I leave for Chicago," she admits.

Zevadia insists she didn't have to work harder than her peers, either in university or the Foreign Ministry, in order to be recognized. But in the next breath, she says she does maintain extra-high standards for herself.

"I hope to work harder and do better," she says. "I'm a woman, I'm Jewish and I'm black. I want to do my very best. "Look, I'll tell people the truth about Israel. I can't hide the fact that I'm Ethiopian, and I don't want to.

Everyone can see it immediately when they look at me." If asked about the situation of Ethiopian Israelis today, she won't present "a too-rosy" picture, she says, but

neither will she slam government policy towards her people. "I'll tell them that all beginnings are hard," she explains. "It's been particularly difficult for the older people, who have trouble with the language and with adapting to a new culture. But the youth

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"Nothing is all rosy, and I have to speak the truth. But you have to look at both sides of the situation. Ethiopians enjoy all the rights of Israeli citizens." What's her opinion on Diaspora-Israel

relations, and the need for continued American Jewish donations to the UJA? Again, she demurs, saying the Foreign Ministry does not deal with these kinds of financial concerns.

"I'll tell them the State of Israel is and must remain the center of the ingathering of the Jewish people," she states. "It is a democratic, forward-looking country, an important country."

And what will she say to American Reform and Conservative Jews when they challenge her on the government's policy of nonrecognition?

"That's a hard one," she admits. "For now, the government has pledged to maintain the status quo. I hope that will continue. I will simply explain the government's position."

Like many Ethiopian-born immigrants, Zevadia is modern Orthodox, keeping Shabbat and eating only kosher food (she hopes to find as many kosher restaurants in Chicago as she found in New York, where she did a three-month internship last fall).

When I came to Israel, I knew nothing about Reform or Conservative Judaism," she points out.

"To me. a Jew was someone who observes the mitzvol. Now I've seen female rabbis and other things that were new to me.

"I think that slowly, this problem will be solved. Listen, at first our Ethiopian rabbis weren't recognized. Finally last year, the first 12 were ordained, and

now one can perform marriages. Slowly, slowly, solutions are found." Her brief posting to the New York consulate last fall was her longest trip outside Israel since her immigration 12 years ago.

FEATURES

The highlight of her stay was the day in October when she introduced the late Yitzhak Rabin to the Ethiopian prime

Rabin was in New York with many other heads of state for the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. When Zevadia saw the two men had a scheduled meeting, she asked to act as liaison.

"They both told me I was a real bridge between Ethiopia and Israel," she reports with quiet pride. "I never dreamed of reaching such a point." One trip she'd like to make is a visit back to Ethiopia, to see the village she

left 19 years ago. "I was 11 when I left to study in Addis Ababa, but I remember everything," she

"I remember the synagogue and the school. I remember my father leading prayers in the synagogue, translating from Geez [the ancient language in which the Ethiopian Jewish Torah is written] to Amharic for the rest of the

"When I hear people talk about Ambova; it makes me nostalgic. I'd love to see it again."

Although she cemented some relationships with the New York Jewish community last year, she does not yet have contacts in Chicago, a city she visited only for four days this past March. It was bitterly cold during her visit, and her packed schedule at the con-

sulate left no time for sightseeing. All she saw was the city's art museum, from the outside." But one thing she does know is the Chicago Bulls, the Windy City's dream Ethiopia and Israel. I never dreamed of reaching such a point. (Sarit Uziely) "They're the best team in the world!" basketball team. Zevadia's already an she declares, with a resoluteness that avid fan, and tries to catch as many of



Belaynesh Zevadia recalls the time she introduced Yitzhak Rabin to the Ethiopian prime minister: 'They both told me I was a real bridge between

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Peres hand in hand with Yasser

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MICHAL YUDELMAN hard Likud ideology.

Levy did not seem to be a man in agony. Smiling widely he shook hands with the untouchable terrorist beyond the pale that his party had said they would never ever talk with. Not once, but five times enough to bring down a veritable mall full of plate glass.

The cordiality went beyond the requirements of diplomatic protocol. No analysts were rushed to our screens to explain the nuances of body language or sniff out the odors of "chemistry."

"It was almost worth losing the elections to see that," said Labor MK Yossi Beilin with a smirk.

Arafat may have forgotten to bring a glass screen, but his little ticed. He took Levy by the hand and led him to the meeting room in a cute cameo of the election propaganda video of himself and Peres, that sinister and scary image of "Peres abandoning security to Arafat."

"Binyamin Netanyahu should now apologize to the late Yitzhak Rabin for his vicious attacks on Rabin's first meeting with Arafat," said Meretz MK Ran Cohen.

There were of course some angry growlings from the right directed at Levy but not yet at the prime minister who sent him to meet Arafat. But Levy was having none of it "This wasn't a personal mission by me, but a mission for the govern-

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ment. I went in the name of each and every one of you (in the cabi-

net] individually and collectively.

There is no 'good, bad and ugly' here. We're all in one cabinet... I am pleased with the way the meeting went. And so is the prime min-

PRIME CUT

The coalition creaked theatrically under the weight of a double ultimatum from Shas and the National Religious Party. "Hand over the Religious Affairs Ministry, or

else.... Netanyabil may know enough by now to expect a fast and curving ball from Levy, but nobody told him to watch out for Shas leader Aryeh Deri in the outfield. Knesset commentators didn't need Olympic acumen to figure out that however the wrestling bout goes, the winner

still be Deri. If the crisis is solved, Shas will have more cabinet positions and coalition perks. If Shas quits, Deri can take consolation from seeing his potential rivals in Shas surfed out of the cabinet rather than busily accumulating power.

Both Shas and the NRP insist on running the Religious Affairs Ministry for the first two years of the term. This puts in the winning minister's hands the levers of hundreds of political appointments for religious councils and a handy power base for municipal elections. All nicely oiled by the financial allocations for religious institutions, naturally.

For some reason, the religious parties have always considered it an axiom that only a religious min-ister could possibly hold this port-folio. But, as some MKs noted, this

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is a state position with responsibil-ity for the affairs of all the religions, not a feeding trough for narrow sectarian interests.

The best solution some see for the generally useless ministry is to abolish it completely. Now there's a budget cut we can all applaud, as Yossi Beilin suggested this week.

Beilin got unexpected support from coalition member Professor Alex Lubotsky, a Third Way MK. He recommended that Netanyahu seize the opportunity presented by the squabbling and dump the whole portfolio in the trash can of history. This is a superfluous ministry.

he said. "It has already proved it brings honor neither to the minister who runs it, nor to religious

BACK TO BEKA'A

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahala police commanders by announcing mounted officers will no longer be used to manage crowds in the haredi demonstrations over Jerusalem's

Rehov Bar-llan. Kahalani seemed surprised to learn that the police had used horses last weekend. Having failed to back the embattled police having their weekends ruined, and then facing MK Avraham Ravitz's attacks and threats by way of thanks, Kahalani joined in with his own assault on the police.

Jerusalem Police Commander Arye Amit was obviously under the mistaken impression that his men were trying to uphold the law and keep the street open in the teeth of thousands of demonstrators.

Senior police officers cynically remarked to MKs that Kahalani probably thought borses were kept by the police force for changing of the guard.

He also probably assumed water hoses were reserved for dousing lefties and Arabs who demonstrate,

they added.

Rehov Bar-Han is not the Beka'a Valley," said Kahalani, who waged war against the Syrians in the Beka'a in 1973.

"How would he know that," said one police officer, "from one brief visit in an armored limo?" The officers said he had not set a foot outside to observe the demo or have a word with Amit, who was watching his lads dodge stones, dirty dia-pers, and unidentified flying

After meeting Ravitz and other haredi MKs, Kahalani said the street should be closed during prayer times.

Surely some mistake? Isn't it Third Way policy to keep the status quo ante bellum? "Quite!" sniffed one MK. "Kahalani is learning. Flattery [of the haredim] will get him everywhere."

SPREE TIME

Tighten your-belts, hard times are upon us, warned the nation's economic elite at the Caesarea economic summit last week, before slurping their way through the Dan Hotel's mountain of pate and sor-

Child allowances for lower-to middle-income earners are indeed slashed; health, education and social services are cut. Public transport fares and doctors' fees are up. savings are being siphoned out of provident funds as the stock market

careers merrily downhill. Let them eat cake. Except this time "them" is those running it all. In the lofty eyries of government, it's spree time. The cabinet this week tried to push through the socalled Norwegian Law, which will cost the state (that's us) another

NIS 100 million a year. The Knesset's Finance Committee approved a NIS 46 million increase in party funding the NIS 155 the recent round of election shenanigans cost us was

just too paltry. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon hardly had his feet under his new desk before he felt an urgent need to spend NIS 37 million on some new bridges.

Where? In the Golan, of course. Then there is the 33 to 40 percent salary rise authorized for MKs. ministers and senior civil servants, "They deserve it, poor things," observed a Knesset wag. "It's very tiring work, all that cutting and slashing of child allowances and

old-age pensions."

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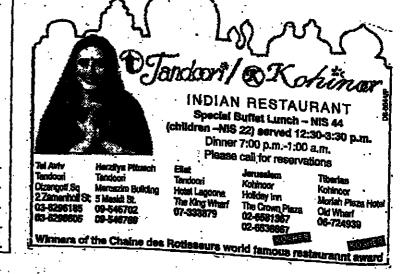


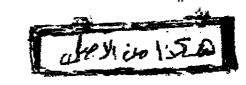
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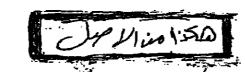
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Family history not up my street

don't usually make a point of telling people that I am a grandson of Meir Bar-Ilan, the leader of the National Religious Party - then known as the Mizrachi - who died in 1949 and after whom Bar-Ilan Street in Jerusalem (as well as the uni-

versity in Ramat-Gan) is named. There's little to be gained by it. If I mention the fact to observant Jews, they look at my bare head and I know what they are thinking. The non-observant ones ask: Who was he?

In any case, I have only one memory of the man. It is of a Friday night in New York, in 1946 or 1947, around a family table. Meir Bar-Ilan, who is on a visit from Palestine, is making kiddush. Perhaps he has spilled a bit of wine on himself, for there is a stain on his open-collared white shirt. His chest and shoulders are broad, so broad that they block my view of what's behind him. His patriarchally bearded face is stern and loving. That's all I recall of him.

Still, I think I can say with some confidence that had he foreseen its future, he would have wished the disputed street had been named after someone else - and not only because it is a wretched joke to name the dull streets of a nation after its men

He would have wished it because the dispute itself would have saddened him immensely, although it would not have surprised him.

"A new problem is now rising among us, the question of 'church and state,' "he wrote in 1922, several years before he

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settled in Jerusalem. "To be sure, this issue has not HILLEL HALKIN

yet become a 'burning' one, but its flames are already licking at the edges of our life...

Today, when we speak in Israel. of two types of observant Jews, dati'im and haredim - that is, of the Zionist, national-religious, "knitted skullcap" community, on the one hand, and the anti- or non-Zionist Orthodox "black

hats," on the other - we tend to

forget that, historically, these

two communities were one. Among religious Jews in late-19th-century Eastern Europe, the difference between Zionists and anti-Zionists had nothing to do with clothing, lifestyle, or degrees of observance. It had to do only with theology - that is, with whether Zionism, a largely secular political movement, could be made to serve lewish religious ends.

Most Eastern-European rabbis thought it could not; among the minority was Meir Bar-Ilan's father, Naftali Tsvi Yehuda Berlin, head of the Volozhin yeshiva, the Jewish Harvard of

As a halachist, he was not lenient in ritual matters; in the great rabbinical debate over exempting Jewish farmers in Palestine from the obligation of shemita, the seventh-year fallowing of land, he opposed the slightest relaxation of the law.

But he also once threw a Jew from Jerusalem out of his house for criticizing the loose behavior of Zionist settlers, calling the visitor a "spy" and replying to his protestations that he was only telling the truth: "The spies sent by Moses told the truth too, but a truth harmful to the laud of Israel musm't be told." One graduate of Volozhin, a

man greatly admired by my grandfather, was Abraham Isaac Hacohen Kook, who later became chief rabbi of Palestine under the British Mandate, And it was also Kook who pushed the Mizrachi's philosophy to its mystical extreme with his belief that any Jew choosing to live in the land of Israel, even if he ate pork and profaned the Sabbath, was enriching the religious life of all Jews, since "the spirit of Israel is so closely linked to the spirit of God that a Jewish nationalist, no matter how secularist his intention may be, must despite himself affirm the

NEEDLESS TO say, you do not throw stones at someone who is affirming the divine by driving down the street on a Saturday. You can remonstrate with him - you can even wave your fist and shout at him - but you cannot relate to him as your spiritual and physical enemy. That, rather than what covers one's head or who gets to run the ministry of religion first, is the real difference between a dati and a haredi, and it was born at

Volozhin as much as anywhere. Of course Meir Bar-Ilan would have wanted the street named after him to be closed to traffic on Sabbaths. He, who wrote shortly before his death that "In the state of Israel the law of the Torah must prevail... civil and criminal justice must be based on Torah law," would have wanted every street in Israel to be closed to traffic on the Sabbath. He would have continued, however, to regard the secular majority that rejected this view as an ally in the process of redemp-

Precisely here, though, lies the potential for the other, and, one might say, the dark side of the spiritual light that Rabbi Kook believed would make the "national heroism" of state building "all the greater because it will have been made sweeter by holiness."

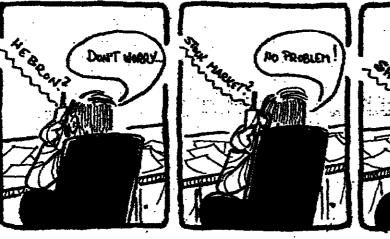
For if every act of Jewish nationalism is an affirmation of the divine, one can find holiness in the most unlikely places; and he who does not want to hear the harmful truth may end up believing harmful lies. The line running from Volozhin - twisted almost beyond recognition, it is true - also leads to Baruch Goldstein and Yigal Amir, who not by accident came from the

dati community. And this is what makes it so complicated. The haredim are insular, outlandish, unconcerned with the rest of us, exasperatingly out for themselves; but just as their expectations from secular Israeli society are minimal, so their goals - the closing of a street here, the amending of a conversion law there - are finite. sober, and negotiable.

The dati'im are integrative, patriotic; and in them smolder the "fiery sparks" of Rabbi Kook's "great divine flame." which can also become a great fire - and a heap of ashes. In some respects the stone throwers may pose the lesser danger, but I wish they had picked another

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Bearing testimony

"And you shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." (Deut. 6:5)

OW are we to interpret the above verse, which appears in this week's portion of V'Et'hanan?

I understand a command to keep every seventh day holy, or one that forbids stealing. But what do I make of a commandment that attempts to ordain one's feelings? Isn't love unique in that it cannot be commanded? Doesn't the tragedy of King Lear begin when he commands his daughters to proclaim their love

But God is not Lear. Since the Torah is a practical guide for a nation of flesh-and-blood human beings, it must be assumed that emotions can and ought to be mandated from the biblical per-

Hence the question we must ask ourselves is how to love God with all our heart, soul and might?

which were consumed by flames.

July 12, 1996.

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

of Rabbi Moshe Haim Luzatto, The Paths of the Righteous, the answer is to be found in the next verse: "And these words which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart."

According to the classical work

In other words, the meticulous keeping of the Torah's commandments will of necessity bring one to love God. There is no great mystery here; the commandments themselves are an expression of God's love for us, and so in honoring them we will come to love Him. The commandments are the link through which a connection can be made between human beings and God; the stronger the connection, the more meaningful the love. As my wife correctly comments, "Absence makes the heart grow absent."

A second approach is presented Maimonides, who in his Sefer Hamitzvot codifies our verse as the third positive command of the Torah, but makes "love" synonymous with "knowledge": The commandment to love Him means that we must investigate and attempt to understand and contemplate His commandments and actions, that we may apprehend Him and in apprehending Him attain absolute joy. This constitutes the love of God."

Firstly, Maimonides maintains that true love can only be built on deep understanding; love at first sight can at best be only an infatuation. But even more importantly, Maimonides insists that knowing God consists of understanding His Torah as well as His world, the two Godly creations presented to us.

In his Laws Fundamentals of the Torah, he writes. How do you come to love and fear God? When a person contemplates His great and wondrous works and creations, and from them obtains a glimpse of His wisdom which is incomparable and infinite, he will immediately come to love Him and praise Him."

This principle is also addressed in the Laws of Repentance: "And since the only way that God can be tied to the heart of an individual is through the knowledge with which he apprehends Him. if there's little knowledge there's little love, and if there's much knowledge there's much love. That's why a person should devote himself to the understanding and comprehension of the

Hence for Maimonides it's not enough to perform the commandments to acquire love for God; one must study the details and philosophies of the commandments, as well as the details and cosmology of the physical universe. Loving God requires an understanding of His creation.

But it doesn't end here. Even if a person has tremendous knowledge, both of God's Torah and of God's universe, one further step must be taken toward expressing the love of God. In Maimonides's explanation of the

positive commandment to love God, he concludes with the idea that the individual must also bring mankind to love Him.

Why isn't it enough to just sit in a study hall or science lab 18 hours a day, acquiring knowledge? Maimonides explains that when a person loves deeply, he wants everyone to know. If you love God, you must "call upon the foolish and ignorant to seek knowledge of the truth you have already acquired." (Sefer Hamitzvot, 3)

Abraham is called beloved of God (Isaiah 41:8), says Maimonides, not because of his knowledge of Torah and nature, which he certainly had, but because his love for God was so great that he was able to summon many other people as well to believe in God. How do you love God? You bring others to love Him too. When I convince others to love, I become really con-

inced myself! Thus far we have dealt with three approaches to loving God: meticulously keeping His commandments, acquiring more and more knowledge about the Torah and the universe, and bringing others to believe.

But there is also a fourth aspect in order to love God one must simply be a mensch, a sen-

Discussing our verse, the Talmud stresses that "the name of Heaven should be beloved because of you." How does this hashem kiddush Sanctification of God's name

take place?
"If someone studies scripture and Mishna, and attends to the sages, is honest in business transactions and speaks pleasantly to persons, what do people say concerning him? 'Happy is the father who taught him Torah...' "(ibid.)

Perhaps the Talmud is really saying that if we make ourselves into people of compassion and tolerance and sensitivity, we are expressing God-like characteristics and bearing testimony to the fact that we were indeed created in His image.

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Read what's written

TE HAVE recently had four blatant examples of how people - and even politicians, diplomats and mediacrats - don't read what you've written or listen to what you're saying before pouncing on you for

being "wrong."
The first example is the question the president of the National Press Club in Washington, Sonja Hillgren, asked Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu when he lunched with the Washington press corps on July 10, shortly after addressing a joint session of Congress.

In his address, he had defined what he called "the three pillars of peace": security, reciprocity, and democracy.

In her question, Hillgren, who was moderator, no doubt intending to show Netanyahu for a nasty "hardliner," put words into his mouth that he never uttered and read a meaning into his address that he never as much as implied. She asked or rather with typical mediacratic imperiousness asserted: "So you believe that you can only make peace with a democratized Arab

Netanyahu retorted: "Nope. That's not what I believe."

What he did say in his address regarding democracy is: "The third pillar of lasting peace is democracy and human rights. Modern democracies do not initiate aggression. States that respect the human rights of their citizens are not likely to provoke hostile action against their neighbors...

"It is time for the states of the Middle East to put the issues of human rights and democratization on their agenda. [This] means accepting a free press and the right of a legal opposition to organize and express itself... tolerance... an inherent shift away from aggression toward the recognition of the mutual right to differ ... '

In his retort to Hillgren he added: "I believe there are two kinds of peace... [With] an undemocratic partner... the only way to maintain peace is... to be able to deter war or aggression... With democratic neighbors the peace is inherent... Democracies tend toward peace... If the Middle East were democratized, the issue of defense and security and territories as defense assets would be irrelevant...

"I don't give up on the idea of achieving peace with our neighbors. I'm just insistent on the right kind of MOSHE KOHN

peace... [O]pposite non-democracies, the only way you can maintain peace is by maintaining your strength to deter future aggres-

So contrary to Hillgren's implication and contrary to various alanıms, Netanyahu nowhere supulated democratization as a prior condition for an agreement with the PLO, Syria or anyone else.

Netanyahu's other two pillars also disturbed many people whose notion of Middle East peace is Israel's acceptance of virtually all the conditions laid down by our interlocutors.

Regarding security he told Congress this means that the Palestinian Authority must live up to the obligations it has solemnly undertaken to prevent attacks against Israel" and that "Syria must cease its policy of enabling proxy attacks against Israeli cities, and undertake to eliminate threats from Hizbullah and other Syrian-based

A "hard line," indeed, worthy of being adopted by all concerned.

Netanyahu's remarks on reciprocity also consternated those for whom the "New Middle East" means primarily an Israel with unilaterally weakened defenses. He defined that as "an unshakable commitment to the peaceful resolution of disputes... a relationship of reciprocal respect, recognition and fulfillment of mutual obligations."

Reciprocal respect means avoiding "round after round of hostile diplomacy.

Netanyahu did not mention Egypt, with whom we have an 18year-old peace treaty, or any other country, but Egyptian officials, from President Hosni Mubarak on down, mediacrats and intellectuals have long been conducting a campaign of anti-Israel virtual ostracism and vilification whose content and style often equal those of Hitler Germany.

Last week, when Netanyahu went to Cairo for his meeting with Mubarak, he was greeted by a manifesto in Arabic signed by 23 Egyptian intellectuals telling him: Not welcome, and no hello... We oppose the Israeli racist who was educated in America in the lap of extremism." The a-Dustour newspaper greeted him with a Hebrew headline telling him: "Netanyahu, we don't want you in Cairo." AlAkhbar compared him to Nero "who burned Rome."

(See Yediot Alumonor, July 18, and with thanks to the Foreign Ministry's Information Department and Dr. Joseph Lemer, director of Jerusalem - based IMRA/Independent Review and Analysis.)

THE NEXT two examples of how opinionation precedes cogitation are the hysterical reactions of former prime minister Shimon Peres and former foreign minister Ehud Barak to Netanyahu's address.

Speaking to the Labor Party Executive on July 11, Peres attacked Netanyahu for "presenting three conditions which we know cannot be fulfilled" (The Jerusalem Post,

July 12). In an op-ed article in the July 15 Post, Barak said that "the expectation that the Arab states will transform into democratic regimes and [Netanyahu's] proposing this as another precondition for actual progress is a fantasy."

This from men who would have dragged us into the "New Middle

East cloudcuckooland." The diplomat who did not listen to, or pretends not to have heard. Netanyahu's address is US Ambassador Martin Indyk. On July 17 he told a symposium at Tel Aviv University that the US does not support Netanyahu's (alleged) demand for democratization as a condition for peace with the Arabs. "We accept the Arab states as they are."

In any event, he said, "the Arab states are in a process of democratization" (Ha'aretz, July 18).

That will indeed be a new Middle

HARVARD UNIVERSITY Prof. Ruth Wisse has created a useful metaphor. Writing in The Washington Times about the hysterical reaction of American mediacrats to Netanyahu's election, she said: 'The term 'peace process' camouflages the odds, the way a gambling house would rather call itself 'The Big Easy' than 'Risky

American mediacrats variously referred to Netanyahu's victory as "a blow to peace" (Boston Globe) and "a victory for fear over hope" (CNN).

Jerusalem's own Hirsh Goodman, editor of The Jerusalem Report, told a TV interviewer that Netanyahu "hijacked the country."

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vious encounter Belyavsky had

12.Bf5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne8,

8 19

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DIAGRAM 1

21.Ne4! Keene remarks that 99

percent of players would have set-tled for the simple bishop retreat.

21 Bg4. Kasparov's choice

reflects his brilliance.
21...Bxf4 22.exf4 gxf5 23.Qxf5

dxe5. The queen sacrifice appears to be the only sensible

way to stem the onslaught. 24.Qg4+ Kh7 25.Rxd8 Rfxd8 26.Qxh4+ Kg8 27.Qe7 e3 28.Re1 exf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rd2+

30.Re2 Rxe2+ 31.Kxe2 Ba6+

32.Kf2 Ne6 33.f5 Nd4 34.e6 Rf8

35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.e7 Re8 37.f6 Ne6 38.Qh5+ Kg8 1-0

KOSLOVSKY'S 1932 composi-

tion is regarded as a classic. White

to play is at odds to prevent the

queening of the Black h pawn which would spell White's demise

in a technically lost endgame.

White, however, can find a truly

brilliant way to draw.

13...Ne4 fails to 14.Nxe5!!

Two brothers from Haifa

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer North-South vulnerable

North (Ilan) **4** Q 10964 ♥ À 10 6 4

♣984

West **♦**A87 **∀**KJ2 ♦Q1106542 ♦K8 ♣ K J 1062

> South (Ophir) **♦**КJ2 ♥873 **♣**AQ73

West North East South 1 NT P35\$ 2 NT Dass 3 ♦ double pass pass double (all pass)

Opening lead: DQ

THE pair trials for the selec-tion of this year's open team to represent Israel in the upcoming team Olympiad concluded last week with a triumph for the young Herbst brothers of Haifa. Ophir and Ilan took the early lead in the strong six-pair field and never looked back. Their victory ensured them a spot on the team along with two other pairs.

One of these will be the runners-up, Nir Grinberg of Tel Aviv and Zohar Tur of Jerusalem. The third pair is to be selected by committee between the third- and fourth-placed finishers, and may not be decided for another two months, after all four pairs complete a training schedule. Regarding the women's trials, which was damaged by a number of incidents, a committee was due to meet last night to discuss further selection process.

The bridge Olympiad is not to be confused with the Olympics in Atlanta. The bridge Olympiad is under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation. Last year, however, the International Olympic Committee agreed to recognize bridge as a sport, and added it to the schedule of the Olympics as an exhibition. Normally such action leads in

future years to a sport's inclusion in the regular games. But it has not been determined whether bridge is a summer or a

ACROSS

1 Isn't it safe to go round it?

9 One contriving to be a

craftsman (9)
10 Gaudy tintack you held (5)
11 Group with back trouble at

12 Of Dawn or Laura in

14 Braided sweet was sent

back (7)
17 Unusually noughts might be coming from this instead of blanks? (7)

19 Mother left bill with

accountant for cane (7) 22 A garden had been

cultivated on the island (7) 24 Little hope of some sunshine (3)

nerve-centres (7)

disguise (7)
13 Shade left of centre (3)

winter sport.

THIS WEEK'S deal, from the trials, features Ophir as declarer in a terrible-looking four-club contract. Brothers will be brothers, and it was flan who forced him into the predicament. The bidding began with a one-notrump opening by East and a two-notrump response by West, which was a transfer to diamonds. East dutifully bid three diamonds, but when this came around to Ilan (North), he doubled for takeout. He was unwilling to allow the opponents to buy the contract when he had a good chance for a partscore in either major.

Unfortunately, his partner did not hold a major suit to bid, and when Ophir bid four clubs, East became the happiest player at the table.

East doubled the contract, expecting to take at least two or three club tricks, but he was in for a surprise. By the time the last card was turned. East had only one club trick! This was due to the skillful play by Ophir.

The opening lead was the queen of diamonds. Declarer thanked his brother politely and won in dummy with the ace. He then called for a spade and East took his ace. East continued with the king of diamonds, ruffed in dummy with the four of clubs. Now the nine of clubs was led and East covered with the 10, won by South's queen. This was the first of three unusual finesses against East.

Ophir, alerted by the penalty double, abandoned trumps and cashed two more spades, following with a fourth round of the suit. East trumped with the jack of clubs and Ophir overruffed with the ace, a second finesse. A diamond was led and ruffed in dummy with the eight of clubs. overruffed by East with the king. At this point declarer had forced

out all of the club honors and was sitting with the 7-3 spots over East's 6-2. East shifted to the king of hearts. Dummy's ace won and the fifth spade was led for the final coup: East ruffed with the deuce and Ophir overruffed with the three. Now the seven of clubs pulled the last trump and declarer conceded two heart tricks. Going down one usually is not considered a triumph. but on occasions like this one, where the trumps are stacked in one hand, it takes the poise and talent of a world-class expert to keep his losses to a minimum.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

25 Do not notice the

26 Man provided backing

28 Had not liked what

29 Bubbly enjoyed by a

hypochondriac, it's said (9) 30 Paying one's fine in convicts' home? (5,10)

DOWN

1 Draws vassal and vessel using skill on board (15) 2 Either way it's off (3,2)

4 Alternative place in

Somerset where trees are

3 Loosely fondles embraces (7)

Edward had included (5)

with large number doing

uncared-for state (7)

mischief (7)



Two dolphins are treated in Cairo by British dolphin expert Doug Cartlidge. Dolphins are are regular visitors to our coast and a good many are sighted every year in our region.

Day of the dolphin

TE don't usually think of dolphins as native to Israel. But they are regular visitors to our coast and a good many are sighted every year in our region. From February 1993 until September 1994 (according to a survey conducted by the Department of Maritime Civilizations and the Recanati Center for Maritime Studies at Haifa University), trawlers reported 187 dolphin sightings that comprised some 800 dolphins along the coast. Of course there were far fewer than 800 dolphins - in many cases different trawlers

sighted the same individuals. The dolphins were seen at distances of 0.4 to 25km, off the coast with an average of about 6km. offshore. Those seen closer to land were almost always in distress. Almost all the sightings were south of Netanya.

No doubt they came from the north of Israel, but this distribution is not fully understood. It may, the experts say, have something to do with water tempera-

5 Opens out assorted drapes

7 Again a cur is removed from the country (9)

8 Old king at St Andrews?

15 Give information going

16 And the rest is a bit

18 Ben takes nothing less than 60 minutes (3)

20 Rush during short visit about a set of principles (7) 21 The definite item (7)

22 Little room with Stan

jumping—he's athletic (7)
23 Outshine despite the loss
of light (7)

27 Composition played loudly before mid-January with

half the guests (5)

round in the glen (9)

sketchy (3)

on Sunday (7)

6 Lake province (7)

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

schools, or pods, usually contained five or six animals, and some were fairly young calves.

Most of the dolphins sighted were the now-familiar bottlenose dolphins, but there were also sightings of common dolphins,

tures and feeding preferences. The

striped dolphins, and even two small pods of Risso's dolphins. Unfortunately during the last two years 12 dolphins have been found dead or have died shortly after being sighted on our shores, and another seven drowned when caught in fishing nets. Since, like us, dolphins are mammals, they must breathe air, and if they get trapped underwater they drown. This seems excessively high since

in the past 40 years there were

reports of only some 50 dolphins

SUSPICIOUS

OBJECT?

NOTIFY THE

found dead or dying. Of course reporting may have improved, but there are also the problems of pollution, which is

the morbilla virus in seals, dolphins and porpoises. It is widely held by scientists that pollution weakens the animals and then the virus attacks them.

of great interest to many people, in large part due to TV documentaries and marine parks. The intelligence of dolphins is a matter of serious research and many attempts at direct communication

tists Dr. Itamar Tsur, of the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine of the Hebrew University in Rehovot, and Dr. O. Goffman of the University of Haifa - who performed the autopsies - the dolphins probably suffered from the morbilla virus, parasitic lesions, pneumonia, liver damage and in one case from a brain lesion. The dolphins that died in the fishing nets were also emaciated and had a variety of pathologies.

getting worse all over the Mediterranean, and the spread of

are being made.

According to veterinary scien-

Dolphins have become a matter

They have a highly varied language and can transmit accurate and quite complicated information to one another. They are also able to learn the proper response to many human words and, unlike most dogs, they respond to a given word regardless of the tone used. Certainly these wonderful animals deserve all the protection we can offer them, even if this means changing the type of fishing nets used, as has been done in other waters, and cleaning up our polluted marine environment.

prises from your opponent."

analytical trees branching out at . every juncture. Keene suggests 1.d4 lines against all of Black's defenses. These are based on newly elaborated ideas which allow plenty of scope for the individual's creative contribution. Keene devotes the final chapter

terpiece against Belyavsky takes pride of place According to Keene, Kasparov's interpretation his mighty antecedents."

Kasparov, Garry - Belyavsky, Game 5, candidates' match,

Queen's Gambit Declined, exchange variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bb4 0-0 8.Bd3 b6!? 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.0-0 c5 11.Ne5 Nbd7. In a pre-

He was looking for the best move

12.Ba6!

gxf5 21.Qg4+

20.BI5 g6

CHESS NICK KOPALOFF

tried 11_Nc6 but lost out after 71TH his chess clock ticking, the great David Bronstein once sat in front of the board for 50 minutes before making his opening move. 14.Bg3 Nc7 15.Qg4 Qe8 16.Bd7 Qd8 17.Rad1 h5 18.h3 h4 19.Bf4 Bg5, or 19...g5 20.Bf5 In his inimitable style he later explained that he was looking for

the best move. But the Bronsteins of today are few and far between. Many modem-day masters openly admit that they do not necessarily seek the best move, but rather the move which will most discomfortthe opponent.

On a lower level, club players and many novices often fear playing the obviously best move in the belief that a strong opponent is probably expecting it. They therefore deliberately deviate from theory, play an inferior move, and get beaten more quickly than they would have had they followed their bearts.

Well aware of this, chess writers are churning out books which aim to provide such players with a solid opening repertoire against all responses.

In his book An Opening Repertoire for White, Raymond Keene notes that, since chess players have restricted time and resources at their disposal for game preparation, "it makes excellent sense to work out a tangible, fixed group of opening variations in which to carry out a spe-

cialized study."
Choosing White's opening move 1.d4, Keene notes that it is a sound, solid move, aiming for central control and a restrained but ultimately convincing attacking buildup. "It does not lend itself to premature adventures and in general you can avoid colliding with too many devastating sur-

Avoiding arduous, number-crushing analysis with endless variations, sub-variations, and

in his book to the "1.d4 Oscars," listing his top d4 games of all time. Kasparov's following masof 1.d4 blends icy efficiency and almost balletic artistry in a way that excels the achievements of

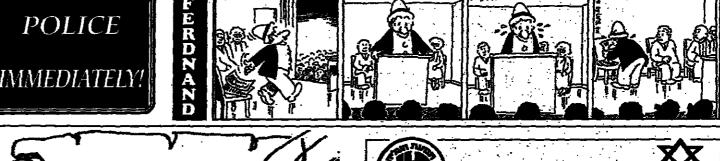
Kg4 3.Rb4+ Kg3 4.Rb3+ Kg2 Has White exhausted all his options? It would appear so. 5.Ka2!! h1=Q 6.Rb1!! Black's

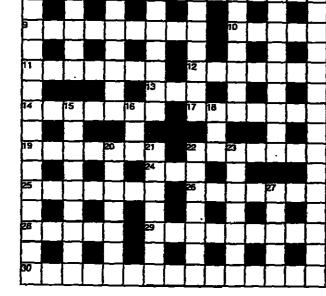
reborn queen can only flee to five squares along the h file. White can then keep checking the Black king at will, and if the monarch makes his way to the sixth rank the queen would be lost to a check on b6. 0.5-0.5

הסוכנות היהתית

DIAGRAM 2

Solution: 1.Rb6+ Kg5 2. Rb5+





SOLUTIONS

Leisure. 11 Press, 12 Sole, 13 23 Notable, 24 Absent, 25 Pewest. DOWN: I Idolise, 2 Rapidly, 3 Venus, 4 Respond, 5 Sever, 8 Gypsy, 9 Rejoicing, 14 Distant, 15 Grabbed, ento, 19 Oscar, 20 March, 21

DOWN

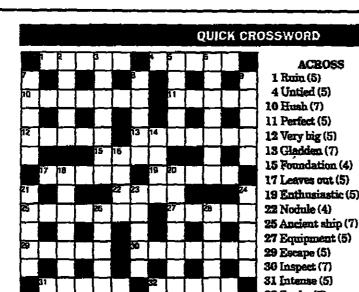
2 Straight edge (5) 3 Transform (7)

7 Spiritual song (5)

8 Term of greeting

5 Due (5)

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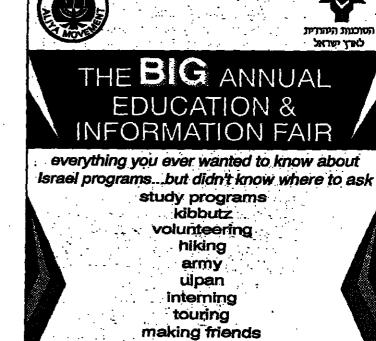
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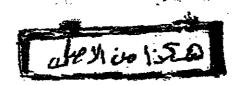
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Travels in the land of Dracula

N the Carpathian Mountains, it's the villains who are the heroes, and the biggest villain of them all is Vlad the Impaler, otherwise known as Dracula I visited Dracula's castle, or to be more precise, one of three Dracula's castles in Romania.. In fact, as our Romanian hosts were quick to point out, Bram castle is not really Dracula's at all. It is actually a very well-preserved medieval fortress, overlooking a mountain pass which served as a customs station, before the unification of Romania. It was only a short drive from our hotel in Poiana-Brasov, a ski and mountain resort above the picturesque town of Brasov, which itself has its share of medieval build-

The connection between the castle and the late 19th-century novel by the British author Bram Stoker is a tenuous one. In the novel, Count Dracula, who is hundreds of years old, is a vampire who is transformed at night into a huge bat and flies around the countryside, drinking the blood of his victims.

In real life, Vlad the son of Dracul was a prince who fought against the Turks. He was best known for impaling his enemies, Turks and local people alike, on wooden stakes. What has linked the two is the fact that the makers of the first Dracula film in 1931 used exterior shots of Bram Castle.

Even without the legend, the castle is well-worth visiting, with its tower and secret passages. Best of all is a magnificent view over the countryside, with mountains, forests and fields, all set out like a patchwork quilt. At the foot of the castle is an outdoor folklore museum, in which you can visit typical

What is amazing about the whole thing is just how little has been done to commercialize the site. The nearby village has a goodly share of medieval and baroque houses, but nary a Dracula pub or tayen.

Outside the castle gates, local residents have set up stands, offering hand-knit sweaters, crocheted table cloths, and hand-made wooden toys, but there are only few limp T-shirts and hand-painted wooden plaques to remind us of Count Drac.

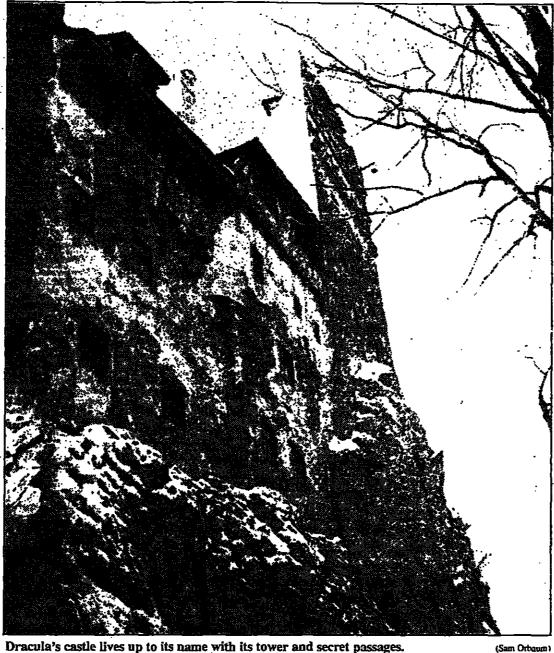
I could not help but imagine what a site like this would be like if it were in any Western European country. There would be cute little Made-in-China Dracula dolls and Dracula capes for the kiddies and little coffin-shaped ashtrays for their parents, not to mention a wealth of rubber spiders and plastic fangs.

In short, Romania may not be the most developed country in the world. The roads may not be in any great shape and some of the hotels may be less than modern, but at least it has thus far escaped the blight of gross commercialization that one sees elsewhere.

This was quite evident soon after our arrival in Bucharest. Contrary to what my guidebook had said, it did not seem to me that the late Communist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, who was overthrown in the 1989 revolution, had destroyed the city. There were still plenty of picturesque palaces, churches and 19th-century mansions with a distinctive style, a blend of east and west.

We were able to see the interior of one of the best of these homes when we visited the Casino Bucur, an Israeli-owned enterprise which incorporates not only a very pleasant restaurant, but what is probably the most beautiful gambling casino I have ever seen. Instead of glitter and bright lights, one finds here all the original carved and inlaid wood paneling that graced the original mansion.

From Vlad the Impaler to Ceausescu, Haim Shapiro enjoys the sites of Romania



This same neo-Moorish style, executed in warm dark wood, is also found in the interior of the Bucharest synagogue. For the visitor, the other fascinating feature of this synagogue is the set of marble plaques in the entry, in which some of the names have been plastered over.

In the true tradition of the Socialist republics, the local resident who told us about the Jewish community professed to know nothing about what had been effaced from these plaques.

We found the same approach at the Parliament, the huge wedding cake monstrosity that Ceausescu had built as a monument to himself.

This edifice, originally known as the Palace of the People, may not be in the best of taste, but it is impressive. The sheer size of the structure, the halls, corridors, chandeliers, doors and everything else, together with the mass of omate decoration and marble paneling, is truly overwhelming.

But what made the greatest impression was our

guide, a holdover from the bad old days. With a completely straight face, he assured us that Ceausescu's underground hideaway and nuclear-bomb-proof shelter, of which we had heard and read so much in the days following the revolution, simply did not exist.

There were, apparently, no secret passages in the palace at Sinaia, built by King Carol 1 at the turn of

Not far from the palace is Sinaia's monastery, around which the village was built. The monastery was founded by two monks who had previously spent several years at St. Catherine's Monastery in

Like most of the religious institutions in the country, it is Romanian Orthodox. Also typical are the small, almost tiny, proportions of the old church, the walls of which are covered in frescoes.

It was from Sinaia, a skiing resort in the winter, that we made our way for dinner at the Casa Taraneasca in the nearby village of Predeal. A luxurious hunting lodge in traditional peasant style, it was formerly reserved for Ceausescu's personal guests and is now a restaurant open to the public.

It was here that we experienced the first, and the most memorable of what turned out to be a series of traditional Romanian feasts in various restaurants, each more characteristic and picturesque than the

We were greeted at the entrance by an enthusiastic Romany (Gypsy) orchestra and ceramic cups of *tuica*, the Romanian plum brandy. Since we were honored guests, this nuica had been double distilled and thus was particularly potent. It helped, however, to get down the vast array of hors d'oeuvres, all spread out on a wooden board.

These consisted mainly of a variety of country cheeses and smoked meats, with raw vegetables and fresh country bread. This was followed by soup and Romanian crilled meat. Naturally, we were also served mamaliga, the traditional Romanian com-

One thing was very clear, our hosts had never heard of cholesterol. Another thing was also clear, as much as we wanted to hear Romanian folk music, they wanted to please us by playing Israeli and Jewish music. Apparently there is not a Gypsy fid-dler in all of Romania who does not know "Hava Nagila" and "My Yiddishe Mama."

Traveling to Romania, like traveling to most of the world these days, is usually far cheaper for those willing to sacrifice the spontaneity of arriving on their own and finding a quaint local hotel.

Package tours now often have unbeatable prices. Among the wide variety of tours and packages available from Histours, for example, is a 14-day excursion with a week (half board) at the Black Sea and a week at Poiana-Brasov, for \$590, including airfare. The company also offers special rates at selected hotels throughout the country and car-rental deals for

Tourists can find a wide selection of restaurants. A very lavish meal in a good restaurant, patronized by Romanians and tourists alike, may be had for about

travelers going on their own. However, would-be dri-

vers should be ready for narrow roads, often in bad

\$25 per person. The writer traveled as a guest of Histours and its Romanian counterpart, Mondo Intertours, and the Romanian Tourism Ministry.

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in the center is the "holy of

These are only a few of the

remarkable buildings in the area.

Others include Tabor House,

home of the Swedish Theological

Institute, at 58 Rehov Hanevi'im,

and the handsome structure

presently occupied by The

Jerusalem Post books department

Finally, just across the road and up the hill a little is a lane leading

to Beit Ticho, the home of one of

Jerusalem's first eye specialists

The building now forms part of

the Israel Museum and whether

you enjoy a coffee and cake in its

cafe, or just sit and rest on one of

the benches in the garden, this is a

good spot at which to conclude

at 12 Rehov Harav Kook.

and his wife, a noted artist.

this particular mini-tour.

Killing fields as tourist sites

TRAVEL TIPS POST TRAVEL REPORTER

NE of the wonders of world tourism is the speed at which a former battleground can turn into an attraction. If you want to see what's left of former Yugoslavia, Natour is offering a six-night package to Croatia from September I. The price of \$599 includes half board and excur-

sions to sites such as Dubrovnik. And Ophir Tours is offering a 19-night "golden tour" of Vietnam on September 19, with accommodation in first-class hotels. The price of the tour is \$3,695.

A SEVEN-NIGHT, do-it-yourself tour of Italy, with a flight to Milan, a rental car, and hotel accommodation in Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome is being offered by Bali Tours Nosim Lehofesh, with prices starting at \$926.

FOR THOSE who want to enjoy the wanderer's life without the major investment of buying a caravan, Netivei Keshet represents a German firm which rents recreational vehicles. The price, per day, for a vehicle sleeping five ranges from DM 126 (about NIS 260) in low season to DM 215 in

PRICES TO the Far East on Royal Jordanian have dropped as a result of a new ticketing procedure, with a round-trip fare to Delhi for \$696 (about NIS 2,200) to Bangkok for \$795, and to Jakarta, Calcutta, or Singapore for \$835.

A 97-DAY, round-the-world cruise on the Cunard Lines' Queen Elizabeth II, starting January 4, is available from £15,360 (about NIS 75,000). If you book before August 15, there is a 20 percent reduction. Ophir Tours, which represents Cunard, notes that either way, the price includes a businessclass flight from London to New York and a night in the Waldorf Astoria, as well as \$2,000 per couple in shipboard credit.

For those with less time or money, shorter stretches are available, such as the 10-day Haifa-to-London stretch, for £1.700.

THE TEL AVIV Sheraton is offering Israelis a summer rate of NIS 650 a night for two. The price includes breakfast and a fruit basket. For those who don't want to sample Tel Aviv's nightlife, the hotel has in-room pay TV with thousands of films available.

ISRAIR, formerly Kanfei Ha'emek, which has won the tender to operate as the second airline flying between Tel Aviv and Eilat, has set a oneway fare of NIS 226. In response, Arkia is offering fares of NIS 169 one-way on selected flights between Ben-Gurion Airport and Eilat. On the more popular flights, especially around weekends, the Arkia fare remains NIS 241.

IF YOU want to travel the country in luxury, Chim-Nir offers limocopters for those with more money than time. The price of a Bell 206 L-3, accommodating six passengers in air-conditioned comfort, is \$950 an hour.

Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im: Worth visiting, and revisiting

HAIM SHAPIRO

N any other city in the world, the area around Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im, "The Street of the Prophets," would be a major tourist attraction, but there are so many other things to see in the capital that it is often forgot-

The luxury of being a Jerusalemite or an Israeli who visits Jerusalem from time to time is that we can see the sights thatmost tourists miss. One of these is the street which in the 19th century was one of the city's main thoroughfares. Second only to Jaffa Road, still Jerusalem's main business street, Rehov Hanevi'im was the hub of a fashionable residential area.

One of the leading 19th-century institutions, the hostel of Prince Sergei, was located just off Rehov Hanevi'im, with its main entrance on Rehov Monbaz, the narrow street leading from the Russian Compound to Rehov Hanevi'im.

Today, the only entrance through which visitors are allowed is at 13 Rehov Heleni Hamalka, which in former days was the tradesmen's entrance but is now the entry to the Jerusalem offices of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

The Russian Orthodox Church flourished in 19th-century lerusalem, with tens of thousands of pilgrims visiting every year. Most were poor peasants who paid for their journey with their life savings and crowded into the the building was used by the



Rehov Hanevi'im has plenty of interesting buildings, such as Tabor House (above). (Zeev Ackerman)

dormitories of the Russian Compound itself. For the nobility, however, Prince Sergei Alexandrovitch built this accommodation with deluxe facilities and furnishings.

Of special interest are the two round towers in the courtvard. which served then, as now, as toilets. At that time, the toilets were on the upper floor, and connected by a bridge to the guest's rooms, which were also on the upper floor. After the Russian Revolution, British mandatory government and after Israel's independence, by the Agriculture Ministry. The outdoor exhibit of farm implements is from that period.

When you leave the courtyard, you can turn left and left again, passing the main entrance of

Monbaz. Across from it, are just a few of the many cafes and pubs which have sprung up in this part of Jerusalem in recent years.

When you get to Rehov Hanevi'im, you can turn right and continue to number 25, where you will find a large stone house with Prince Sergei's hostel on Rehov a large yard, shaded by pine trees. structure, known as the "room of the prophet." Built, apparently, in the 1860s, the structure is one of the many in Jerusalem belonging to the London Jewish Missionary Society.

Above the upper floor is a small

It may be of some consolation to Jewish readers to learn that despite the attempts of Anglican missionaries to convert Jews, by providing medical care and schooling, hardly any Jews were won over and most of the converts were Greek Orthodox Christians.

Across the street and up the hill a little is the ORT School. Although most of the structure is contemporary, the building on the left was originally built for the head of the Lutheran Church in Jerusalem. Prior to that, the entire area had served as a luxurious tent camp where the Kaiser resided during his visit to Jerusalem in 1898.

Continue up Rehov Hanevi'im to Rehov Ethiopia one of the more elegant of the city's old streets. If you can, peek into some of the courtyards to catch a glimpse of the homes and gardens, some of which have been

very lovingly restored. Toward the end of the street on the right is the Ethiopian Church, built in the traditional Ethiopian style in the 1880s. The courtyard is a refuge of peace and shade surrounding the round church. If you wish to remove your shoes and

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Finding an ancient settlement with modern means

Archeologists are using airborne thermal imaging to uncover a 5,000-year-old city buried in the Golan, **Abraham** Rabinovich reports

AWN was still two hours away when the helicopter approached the Golan Heights at low altitude, its pilot straining to see his objective in the darkness. He circled it slowly as the operator behind him activated an imaging device.

The flight last October was not a military reconnaissance mission behind Syrian lines but a reconnaissance into the deep past - an attempt to determine the outline of a 5,000-year-old buried city. A heat-sensitive instrument initially designed by an Israeli electronics firm for military purposes was being used to help solve an archeological puzzle.

The mission was successful enough to possibly herald a new chapter in archeological explo-

The site of the probe, just east of the Golan resort village of Ramot, had been examined at ground level by professors Moshe Kochavi and Yuval Portugali. Tel Aviv University archeologists. Remains of an ancient basalt wall, 5m. high, partially surrounded a large and seemingly barren space known as the Leviah Enclosure.

At least 10 other such enclosures have been identified in the southem Golan. Researchers believed that they most likely served ancient nomads either as animal pens or as defenses against marauders. However, when Kochavi undertook a test probe he

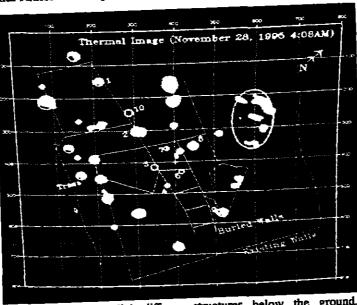


Dr. Eyal Ben-Dor stands above a 5,000-year-old-buried city near Ramot in the Golan. Ben-Dor and a colleague used a video thermal radiometer to produce details of the buried city.

found that the soil was far from virgin. Beneath it was a dead city dating from the Early Bronze Period. The remains he turned up in a brief dig included streets and houses apparently laid waste in

To excavate the site conventionally would have meant a yearslong expedition involving many thousands of man-hours, much of them spent digging fruitlessly into barren ground. Apart from the investment of time and money that would be required, the Golan's uncertain political situation made the launching of long-term archeological undertakings something of a risk. Kochavi opted for an unconventional approach together with a colleague from the university's geography department, Dr. Eyal Ben-Dor, an expert in the use of remote sensing devices.

We decided to use a video thermal radiometer developed by Elbit," said Ben-Dor this week. "It



can detect even very slight differ-

structures below the ground." ences in soil temperatures and Stones buried not far below the thereby indicate the presence of surface will retain more heat dur-

ing the day from the sun than the surrounding soil. At night the stones surrender that heat more slowly than the soil. The thermal device can distinguish the ensuing temperature differences even from aircraft. The technology had originally been developed to permit warplanes to conduct night attacks on targets identified by their heat

emissions. The helicopter flight was carried out last October with Ben-Dor operating the thermal imaging instrument. The readings were taken before sunrise in order to avoid influence from sunlight and shadow. Archeology students positioned on the ground helped guide the pilot to the site. He flew between 2,000 and 4,000 feet as Ben-Dor recorded the digital read-

ings onto tape recorders.
In the subsequent months, the readings were used to generate a map which suggested the existence of underground walls and other structures. When overlaid on air-photos of the site, some of the presumed underground walls seemed to be continuations of walls visible above the ground. Several test digs verified that the underground walls were indeed there.

KOCHAVI, delighted by the results, plans to request another flight in order to expand the area surveyed. Next summer he will undertake an excavation, using the thermal imaging like a treasure map. Similar imaging may also be used to establish whether the other Golan "enclosures" likewise mark the site of ancient cities.

Normally, archeologists attack large tels with very small forces," says Kochavi, referring to the manpower available. You may end up digging only.1 percent or 4 percent of a site so it's important to find the right place to excavate. The problem is always where to begin. You are guided by instinct and experience but much of it is left to chance. What you get with this instrument is something like a fuzzy X-ray but it enables you to say 'oh, here's something.' I'm sure that this is a method that will come into wide use." The Golan results are already being talked about in the profession, he says, even though they haven't been published yet.

Thermal imaging is not suitable for every site, notes Kochavi - not, for instance, where remains are deeply buried, and not for complex sites where the interwoven remains of many periods would

produce only a confusing map. Thermal sensors have been employed in satellites to uncover archeological sites in other parts of the world, says Ben-Dor, but there is a significant differ those sensors and this. "With satellite sensors, the objects have to be very large before they can be picked up, something like 120 sq.m. at least. Also they will not pick up temperature differences smaller than about 1° centigrade. With the equipment we used we can pick up objects only half a meter wide and temperature differences as little as 0.1 percent."

Ben-Dor believes that thermal imaging has not been employed elsewhere in the world from aircraft for archeological purposes. "I've found no reference to it in the professional literature," he says. The remains examined on the Golan are only five to 10cm.

below the surface, which made it

easy for the instrument to detect them. "It wouldn't work if the remains are 30cm. deep or more," says Ben-Dor. It is essential, he says, that the soil and the archeological remains be of substantially different mate-

rials so that their temperature emissions are different. "If the walls were of mud brick we couldn't have distinguished between them and the soil around them," he says.

An Elbit official in charge of the

thermal imaging program, Eli Cohen, revealed that the same equipment had previously been used by an Israeli researcher to scan the subsurface of Jerusalem's Temple Mount from the air and in the search for an ancient burial site in Hebron. Unlike on the Golan, however, these soundings were not intended to serve as a basis for excavations.

Cohen said the company had adapted the thermal imaging device in 1992 for civilian purposes. Weighing 8kg., the instrument together with ancillary equipment and software costs about \$90,000. It was made available for the archeological survey, says Cohen, partly as a public service and partly for technical information derived from the experiment by the company itself.

Not too many years ago Israeli archeologists refrained from using mine detectors, partly because it was considered "not sporting." partly because the devices were associated with antiquity robbers who used them in searching for coins. The archeologists have long since lost their shyness about using even high-tech instrumentation if it will help them decide where to put their low-tech shovels into the



Japanese Consul Fumiaki Takahashi and his wife Yuki participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the opening of Mikio Toki's kites exhibit at Haifa's Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art. (Gyal Landsman)

Cutting through the Pyramids

GREER FAY CASHMAN

T WAS easier to cut the pyramids than to build them, said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu after he and Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Ambassador Bassiouny had cut through a huge cake adorned with marzipan replicas of the pyramids and the sphinx. Speaking at the Herzliya Country Club at the spectacular celebration marking the 44th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Egypt, Netanyahu noted that the relation-

ship between the people of Israel and the people of Egypt has a longer history than that of any other two nations in the world I'm speaking in English," Netanyahu quipped to Bassiouny, "so you won't have to pretend that you don't understand me." Minutes earlier, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai,

who had been invited to join the Bassiounys and the Netanyahus on the podium, was enthusiastically embraced by the ambassador, who automatically began chatting to him in Arabic. Netanyahu, who wanted to join in the conversation, asked them to switch to a language he understands.

Engulfed by security men, eager photographers and enthusiastic supporters, a perspiring Netanyahu pumped flesh as if he were still on the campaign trail, assuring several people, "I got your fax, I got the message." One Egyptian woman was so elated at her proximity to the PM that she excitedly kept shouting "Bibi: Habibi!" It might have gone over well had he been running for office in Cairo.

JUST ABOUT everyone who was anyone was at the reception, and super VIPS were heralded in by name and trumpet fanfare. But there aren't enough days on the calendar to enable everyone to attend all the events to which they are invited. The monumental Egyptian bash, replete with breathtaking fireworks display, flying doves and hundreds of balloons floating skywards, clashed with the farewell dinner which the Israel-South Africa Chamber of Commerce held for South African Ambassador Malcolm Ferguson at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Tel Aviv. The latter function, originally set for an earlier date, was rescheduled to suit the convenience of Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who is going to South Africa next month. President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma, who are long-standing personal friends of the Bassiounys, absented themselves from the reception this year, because it coincided with the fifth anniversary of the death in a car accident of their son Shaul and his wife Rachel.

APPROXIMATELY A third of the guests who crowded into the Herzliya Country Club, which is owned by shipping and real-estate magnate Yuli Ofer, subsequently made their way to another section of the grounds to participate in another gala affair - Ofer's birthday. Both Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres sat at the host's table, separated by Bassiouny and Ofer's elegant wife Rutie, whose magnificent, full-skirted, fuchsia-pink ball gown trimmed with black lace captured all eyes. It's difficult to know what to give a multimillionaire for his birthday. Some people brought gifts. Others simply brought themselves. The best gift of all was Rune Ofer's public declaration from the stage: "I love you, Yuli." The two then led other guests in a romantic slow dance to the strains of "I will always love

IT'S JUST as well for Belaynesh Zevadia, the newly appointed Israeli consul in Chicago (and the local Ethiopian community's first diplomatic representative), that she embarked on a diplomatic career in the post-Ben Gurion era. Under no circumstances would she Hebraicize her name, not even if it meant that she couldn't be a diplomat, Zevadia said at a reception hosted in her honor by the Israel office of the World Jewish Congress, Zevadia's second career choice was academia, which she

may eventually combine with

If he were the consul-general in Chicago, he would be worned, said a smiling Gideon Meir, the foreign minister's adviser on Diaspora communities, who has worked with Zevadia over the past year. Never has a new consul who has not yet taken up the appointment received as much publicity as Zevadia has to date, nor have there been so many requests from both Israel and abroad for interviews, he commented. Zevadia recently met with her old boss Ehud Gol, who is currently Israel's ambassador to Spain. "I had you pegged for consul in Chicago, the first time I laid eyes on you," he told her.

SIGN OF the times. Jonathan D. Sarna, professor of American history at Brandeis University, observed at a World Jewish Congress-sponsored lecture in Jerusalem that, for the first time in memory, "The New York Times doesn't have a correspondent covering the Jewish community,and Ari Goldman, who did cover the beat, is now at Columbia writing a book about - Islam."

WHEN HE was mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek used to boycott diplomatic events in which separate receptions were held for Israelis and Palestinians. As a private citizen, Kollek is apparently unrestricted by the same compunctions. This week he accepted the invitation of Belgian Consul-General Count Michael Goblet d'Alviella. Another guest, author and retired architect Saadiya Netanyahu, who engaged various people in political discourse, was heard to remark that his nephew knows how to deal with Egyptian President it happens, is the prime minister.

IT'S CELEBRITY week with a capital C. A Jerusalem 3000 delegation of major American media personalities and business leaders, due to fly in on Monday, includes such heavyweights as Larry King, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Alan Dershowitz. The 40-member group is arriving under the auspices of the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah in coordination with the US Jerusalem 3000 committee. Some of the members will be presented with the Jerusalem 3000 award at a gala dinner at the Knesset which will also be attended by the prime minister, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon.

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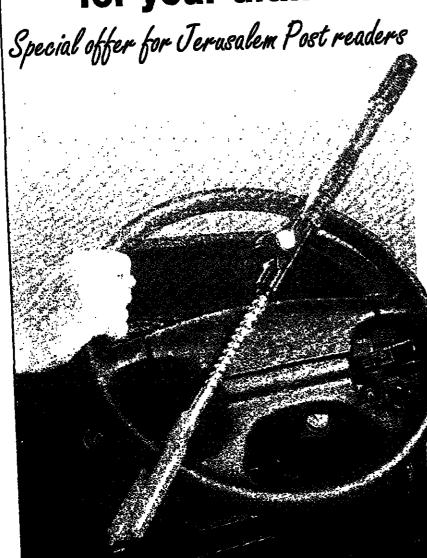
SPEAKING TO an almost overflow audience at the Center for Conservative Judaism's Monday Forum, Professor David Passow, who just authored a book, The Prime of Yiddish, revealed that in a 1930 census, 690,000 Jews living in New York claimed Yiddish as their mother tongue; and that in 1921 there were 12 Yiddish daily newspapers in New York City alone, plus many more in other parts of the US. Today there are none. Oy vey!

JAPANESE CONSUL Fumiaki Takahashi and his wife Yuki participated in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the opening of Miklo Toki's kites exhibit at Haifa's Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art. Occidental participants in the ceremony included museum director Nissim Tal and staunch museum supporters Menahem and Geula Liba'i, who acquitted themselves as if to the tradition born.

DISENCHANTED BY the Netanyahu administration well before the 100 days of grace are up, TV ratings king Dudu Topaz has intimated that he may throw his own hat into the ring the next time around, and run for election in 2000. If Ronald Reagan could move from the world of entertainment into the Oval Office, there's no reason to suppose that Topaz would be any less successful on the local scene. It would certainly put the noses of Ehud Barak, Haim Ramon and Uzi Baram out of joint. The question is Would the tchah-tchahim vote for

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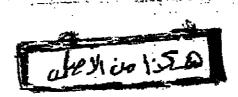
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UMB workers call on customers to withdraw funds; bank may sue

Survey: Business-sector

liquidity dwindling

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ity problems.

UNITED Mizrahi Bank's board of directors is considering taking legal action against the bank's workers' committee, following the publication of a newspaper advertisement by the workers calling on customers to withdraw their deposits from the bank "before it is too late."

The advertisement was published in the Hatzofeh Zionistreligious daily, whose estimated 10,000 subscribers are believed to be predominantly longtime UMB customers whose relationship with the bank began decades before its sale to a private group headed by Yuli Ofer and Muzi

Describing the bank's recent rationalization and massive layoff plans as "unilateral measures," the ad said the bank's manage-

ABOUT 75 percent of all negative

indicators on companies reflect that

they are encountering severe liquidity problems, according to a survey

conducted by Business Data Israel

The survey is based on its so-

called "red light" data of negative

indicators on its 80,000 surveyed

companies in the first half of 1996.

The indicators include bounced

checks and limited accounts (49%),

liquidity problems (12%), delayed

payments (14%), legal claims (6%), receivership and liquidation

announcements (5%), and others

The infrastructure and building

sectors experienced the highest per-

centage of negative indicators, with

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(14%).

ment has created a situation which may result in the bank's closure."

The workers' committee, which launched sanctions several months ago, said the sanctions would continue and even be escalated next week.

Sara Leizerovitz, head of the workers' committee, said they will not give in to management until a satisfactory wage agreement for 1995 is reached.

UMB's board of directors held an urgent meeting yesterday to discuss the implications of the workers' latest actions.

Denying rumors of a deterioration in the bank's business performance, a UMB spokesperson said the bank will take measures to protect its clientele and its "faithful" workers.

6% of all firms experiencing liquid-

Other sectors with a relatively

high percentage of negative indica-

tors include services (17%), food (9%), textiles (7%), electricity and

electronics (6%), and building

products (6%). In the first half of

1996, the less problematic sectors

were chemicals, wood, paper, and

Koby Friedlin, general manager

of BDI's economic division, said

there is a strong link between the red light indicators and the risk rate

of companies and businesses.

Infrastructure and building remain

the highest financial risks, he said.

in line with a trend which started in

the first quarter of 1996. One in four businesses operating in the sector

are at an above-average risk level;

13% are at a risk level which makes

it advisable to only make transac-

tions in cash; 9% at high risk; and

54% at an average or marginal risk.

BDI said the situation is influ-

enced by the significant drop in

building starts in the first five

months of the year and also by the closure of the territories, which has

led to a reduction in the sale of

cement and delays in public con-

Other high-risk sectors include food, textiles, and building prod-

ucts. Less risky sectors are pharma-

ceuticals and cosmetics, metals and

metal products, plastics, rubber, and

struction.

Capital markets panel to hold first meeting today

THE newly formed committee on structural changes in the capital markets is scheduled to meet

today for the first time. Finance Minister Dan Meridor, as part of his effort to review the structures of all sectors in the economy, established the committee earlier this week, appointing Treasury director-general David Brodet as chairman.

In view of what the Finance Ministry refers to as "the current problems" on the markets, Meridor has asked the committee to draw its conclusions and make recommendations no later than September 12.

The capital markets are a central part of the capital-gathering mechanisms for the business sec**DAVID HARRIS**

tor, he said. A number of structural changes are required, and that is what the committee has to do. he added.

Four specific tasks have been outlined for the committee to work on: the desired structure for savings in the economy; incentives for and taxation of savings; coordination of legislation, regulation, and inspection of the capital markets; and policy formation for the money, capital, and foreign currency markets.

Other members of the committee are Prof. Amir Barnea, lawyer Arye Mintkevitch, Prof. Yitzhak Swari, Dr. Shulah Pessah, Dr. David Klein, and

Supervisor of Capital Markets Doron Shorer. Shaul Braunfeld, director-general of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, will sit in on committee meetings.

Meanwhile, the anticipated

rity products.

meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Meridor. and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, scheduled for Wednesday night, was cancelled at the last minute by Netanyahu. The three were to have discussed final proposals for structural reforms in the economy, principally demonopolization. It now seems that meeting will not take place this week, so the planned special cabinet session to discuss the plans, arranged for Sunday, has been cancelled.

Aladdin announces latest product: Aladdin Knowledge Systems has announced the release of its latest product, R3. The new system represents the next generation of the Tel Aviv-based company's Hardware Against Software Privacy technology, which provides the end-user with a "key" which is connected to the port before a program can be run. Aladdin develops, manufactures and markets proprietary software secu-

GDS releases new software: GDS has announced the release of its new software product known as Reality Check, which allows architects, builders, and urban planners to view computerized models in real time. Unlike other software products that show pictures in a static mode, Reality Check allows users to walk through simulated constructions.

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Genzyme establishes Israel subsidiary: Genzyme, a Massachusettsbased biotechnology company, has announced the establishment of an Israel-based subsidiary. Genzyme, one of the five largest bio-tech companies in America, employs 3,000 people in factories and offices located in more than 40 countries. Its 1995 sales totaled \$383.3 million.

Intel searches for infrastructure developers: intel representatives recently held a meeting in Kiryat Gat for 250 contractors, air conditioning companies, and electricians to discuss opportunities to work in building its \$1.6 billion factory. The factory will employ 1,500 people upon opening, and eventually double that number.

Internet Zahav and Microsoft strike deal: Internet Zahav and Microsoft have signed a joint venture agreement by which subscribers to Microsoft's Business Pack will receive 10 free hours on the Internet through Internet Zahav.

Magic Software provides technology to British company: Magic Software has been selected by W.H. Smith News, the largest distributor of newspapers and magazines in Great Britain, to provide it with managerial applications. The \$500,000 contract will allow W.H. Smith to supply Magic's programs to 1,000 users within the company.

MS Communications represents international PR firm: MS Communications, a Tel Aviv-based public relations firm that represents a number of high-tech companies, has recently appointed Burson-Marsteller's affiliate partner in Israel. Burson-Marsteller is an international public relations firm.

Net Scene gets thumbs up from Compuserve: Net Scene's Point Plus Internet program, developed in Herzliya, will be recommended and marketed to Compuserve subscribers, according to a recently signed agreement between the two companies. Based in Ohio, Compuserve is the largest Internet access provider, with 5 million clients worldwide.

Silicon Graphics develops graphics for videogame giants: Silicon Graphics has been selected by video game giants Nimendo, Sega, and Sony to provide programming for the visual and 3-D aspects of their games. Silicon Graphics designs, manufactures, markets, and services visual processing computer systems.

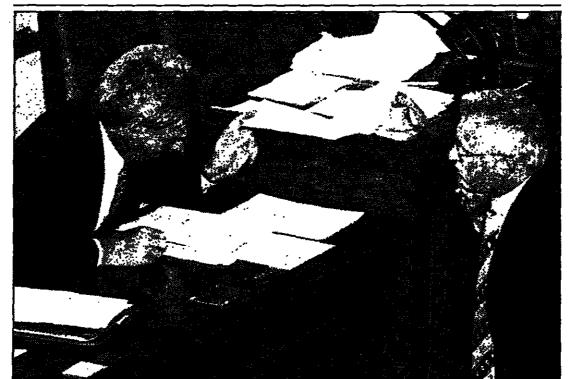
Team supplies computerized system to Kupat Holim: Team Computers has won the tender to provide its computer system to monitor the distribution of medicines to members of Kupat Holim Maccabi.

Team competed with IBM, NCC, TDSI, and Teldor for the NIS 600,000

Tower signs agreement with CA semiconductor company: Tower Semiconductor recently announced the signing of a letter of understand ing with the privately-owned California-based WaferScale Integration. According to the long-term agreement, the companies will work together to develop, produce, and market semiconductor technology.

Wiztec buys American company: Wiztec Solutions has announced its purchase of Business Systems, a South Carolina subscriber management systems provider. Wiztec, a Herzliya-based company, develops, markets, and supports "Wizard" computer software, which provides subscriber management systems to multi-channel subscription television system operators.

Correction: Dovrat Shrem, the Polaris Fund, and Mirage invested



Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus (left) listens to opposition leader Milos Zeman after a debate on a motion of no-confidence in Klaus's minority government. The vote on the motion, which was defeated, followed three days of debate on the government's program of economic reforms and saleof state assets.

IBM profits drop but are still above expectations

ARMONK, NY - IBM Corp. said yesterday it earned \$1.3 billion in the second quarter, and though the results were down from \$1.7b. a year earlier, they were stronger than Wall Street had expected.

The profit, equal to \$2.51 a share, compared with \$2.97 a year ago and came on increased revenue of

\$18.18b., up from \$17.53b. Wall Street analysts had expected IBM to report income of \$1.44 a share, according to First Call. IBM's shares jumped \$3.625 to \$95 in pre-open trading.

The results were expected to boost the sagging technology sector on the stock market. "Considering that sales were up \$1.5b. even though margins were down it still looked pretty impressive, said Thorn Brown, a managing director of Rutherford Brown and Catherwood. That should have a carryover effect to some of the technology stocks on Nasdaq ... It

should also help the Dow in early going."

IBM Chairman Louis Gerstner said results were affected by short-term factors, including a drop in the prices of computer memory chips and currency exchange. This was a tough quarter, as we had expected,"

IBM said its total gross profit margin slipped to 39.5

Sales of hardware totalled \$8.6b., down 1% from a year earlier, while personal computer sales increased in all market segments, the company said.

Revenues from North America increased 11% from a year ago to \$7.8b. Revenues from Europe, the Middle East and Africa declined 2% to \$6b. Asia Pacific revenues were flat at \$3.6b., and revenues from Latin America grew 6% to \$786 million.

Excluding the effects of currency, Asia-Pacific revenues grew 19% and Latin America revenues gained 6%, while European revenues climbed 2%.

Gerstner said shipments of Lotus Notes software doubled during the quarter. Since IBM's acquisition of Lotus Notes a year ago, the number of individual users has increased to 6.3m. from 2.2m., he said.

Gerstner noted that IBM took steps to strengthen its position in the computer memory storage area through an agreement with Storage Technology Corp. that provides customers with a wider range of storage products. He said IBM's acquisition of Tivoli Systems Inc., a computer network management company acquired in the first quarter, produced "outstanding" results.

IBM said it closed nearly \$4b. in new service contracts in the quarter as its services business revenues grew

OTI raises \$8.25m. in private placement

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ON Track Innovations Ltd., a Rosh Pina-based maker of smart card products, has raised \$8.25 million in a private placement administered by Credit Lyonnais Securities, OTI announced yesterday.

The transaction raises the company's value to about \$63 million, said Ofer Tziperman, OTI's vice president of marketing. A spokesman for Credit Lyonnais estimated that OTI's 1996 sales will exceed \$6 million,

The placement is the second such transaction for the company, traded on the TASE. In 1995, the company, which expects to go public overseas within the next two years, raised \$700,000 in a

private placement. Founded in 1990, the company develops and manufacturers smart cards that can be used as electronic purses, identification tools and in electronic parking facilities.

The company's Portrac contactless card, which relies on the inductive nature of electromagnetic fields at low frequencies, is able to transfer data by being waved in front of an electronic eye from distances of up to 15 centimeters and at various angles.

British Petroleum, the French gas company Total, and 30 kibbutzim, which use the cards for identification purposes, are among OTI's clients. The company is currently discussing its product with local banks. Smart card pilot projects are expected to begin toward the end of the year.

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Britain announces £4b. in defense orders

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain announced aircraft and missile orders worth some £4 billion yesterday with British Aerospace Plc and General Electric Pic winning the prime roles.

Defense Minister Michael Portillo told reporters after a cabinet meeting that an Anglo-US consortium led by British Aerospace (BAe) has won the bid to modernize Britain's fleet of aging Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft in a deal valued by the Defence Ministry at over £2b.

GEC won a separate competition for an advanced air launched antitank missile in an order currently valued at £700 million, with its Brimstone "fire-and-forget" missile, a variant of the US Hellfire

Meanwhile BAe in partnership with French firm Matra has been chosen for an order worth £800m. for an advanced air-launched cruise missile based on Matra's Apache

Portillo said the move would also coment plans by BAe and Matra to merge their missile businesses as a major step toward the consolidation of the European defense industry.

Matra's parent Lagardere Groupe and BAe announced in May they had agreed to form a new joint venture to be called Matra BAe Dynamics, but the French government had threatened to block the deal if Britain did not buy

Apache.

The news came as a relief to the winning companies after months of intense lobbying and fears this week that some of the orders could be delayed or even canceled by the Treasury due to its concerns over government spending.

Recent press reports said the orders were saved only after Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine intervened in a row between Portillo and Finance Minister Kenneth Clarke. Portillo confirmed yesterday that

only after Clarke's concerns had been allayed. "It is understandable. The Chancellor of the Exchequer being a very responsible Chancellor

the orders were allowed through

wants to make sure that we can afford these very large orders," he told BBC radio. He later said in a statement that the government had committed itself to releasing more resources

frontline capability. "The announcement today of three major orders for the Royal Air Force follows through that commit-

from defense support to enhance its

Portillo said the orders would sustain 5,000 British jobs and the spending would be spread over the next 10 years.

Cabinet to discuss Hapoalim's sale of Clal shares

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE cabinet will discuss Finance Minister Dan Meridor's proposed approval of Bank Hapoalim's sale of 5.5 percent of Clai Israel's shares at its meeting today.

According to the new Bank (Licensing) Law, passed earlier this year to limit the banks' non-banking activities, Bank Hapoalim must cut its holdings in non-financial firms to 25% or less by December 31.

As a result, it must dispose of 5.5% of its shares in Clal, among other holdings. To go ahead with the sale, the bank must obtain government approval.

Meridor's proposal, which is coordinated with the Bank of Israel's supervisor of banks and the Ministry of Industry and Trade's commissioner of business limitations, entitles Bank Hapoalim to sell the shares to several purchasers, including the IDB Group, in transactions outside the stock exchange.

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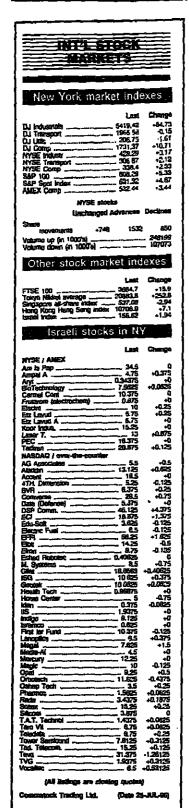
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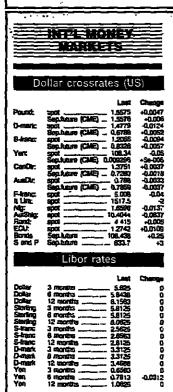
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Russian inflation down but trend may not last

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian duction from 131% year-on-year post-reform low in July but government hopes of limiting price rises to just 20 percent this year may be too optimistic, economists said yesterday.

Consumer price inflation slowed in the week ending July 22 to just 0.1% from 0.2% in the previous week, the State Statistics Committee said, adding that at this rate, the monthly rise for July should be 0.7% - the lowest since economic reform began in

For the whole year, if current trends continue, the inflation rate would be 20%, the committee said. This would be a sharp re-

inflation looks set to fall to a new in December 1995. Prices have risen 16.1% so far this year. "I think it is not realistic," said

Sergei Paylenko, head of the government's Center for Economic Reform. "Everybody is sure the level of inflation will not be sustained and rise a bit." He said inflation by the end of

the year would be around 1.5% a month to give a rate for the year of 25-30%.

Russia's battle with inflation has been a rare economic success story. Forecasts of growth this year have been put off until 1997 and industrial output in June was 8% down on year-ago levels.

But price rises have decelerated from a peak of nearly 20% a

month in January 1995 to 1.2% year is very unlikely." last mouth.

The government set an inflation target of 1.9% a month in the 1996 budget but Economy Minister Yevgeny Yasin said earlier this month the year-on-year rate could reach 30% by the end of

Some economists have said President Boris Yeltsin's campaign promises could spark inflation, although others doubt the pledges will ever be carried out.

"If you look at GDP as being negative, election spending is nothing more than Keynesian stimulus. It is on a fiscal not monetary basis," said Fenkner. "The probability of monthly inflation

going over 4% by the end of the

Pavienko said actual spending during the election campaign was limited but pressures on the budget and other concerns remained

Money markets have been nervous about a possible new banking crisis. Pavlenko said that if one did arise, particularly with the authorities seeking to cut lucrative high Treasury bill yields, the government could supply banks with liquidity.

"The budget deficit will be wider than the government planned at the beginning of the year, particularly because of political troubles and the inability of the government to secure the tax base," Pavlenko said.

Murdoch seen buying stake in German pay TV group

FRANKFURT (Reuter) - International media tycoon Rupert Murdoch is expected to take a substantial stake in Premiere, Germany's only pay TV channel, according to a German media newsletter to be published today.

According to the newsletter Text Intern, Bertelsmann has abandoned plans for its own digital pay TV channel and instead Premiere and Bertelsmann's Club RTL will put their digital programming on DF1, Kirch and Murdoch's digital pay channel.

'Kirch has won his way. Media tycoon Rugert Murdoch will take a substantial stake in Premiere,"

TEHERAN (Reuter) - The Ira-

nian rial has held steady against

the US dollar despite hardened

US sanctions against the Islamic

They said the dollar, the for-

eign currency most in demand,

was being sold by money chang-

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changed from before the Tuesday

US House of Representatives

vote to back a Senate bill to pun-

ish foreign firms that invest in oil

and gas projects in Itan and

The US bill, which President

Bill Clinton is expected to sign

into law, calls on the president to

impose sanctions on any compa-

Libya.

republic, dealers said yesterday.

the newsletter said. A spokesman for the Kirch

group declined to comment and Bertelsmann was not available to react to the report.

Bavarian media mogul Leo Kirch holds a stake of 25 percent in Premiere. Bertelsmann and the French pay TV group Canal Plus each hold 37.5%.

DF1 will launch around 17 channels on Sunday with a broadcast of the Formula One grand prix at Germany's Hockenheim race track.

BSkyB, the British pay TV group in which Murdoch's News Corp holds a 40% stake, plans to

ny investing \$40 million or more

in oil and gas fields in Libya and

Sanctions may be waived if an

offending company's home gov-

ernment has agreed to take steps,

including imposing economic

"The market has not reacted

[to the US bill]," one dealer in

Iran banned free currency ex-

change in May 1995, setting an

official rate of 3,000 rials to the

dollar following a drop in the

unit's value to 7,000 per dollar

after Washington imposed a

trade and investment ban against

the Islamic republic last June.

sanctions, against Iran or Libya.

Teheran said.

Iran's rial unaffected

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take up to 49% of DF1.

BSkyB had been in an alliance with Bertelsmann, French media groups Canal Plus and Havas, but recently left that alliance and teamed up with Kirch.

After Murdoch pulled out, Bertelsmann sought talks with Kirch, hoping to end a bitter dispute over the pay TV decoder technology standards to be used in Germany.

Representatives from the Kirch Group and Bertelsmann will give details of their talks at a

news conference on Friday. Bertelsmann's concession to Kirch comes after a series high-

stakes deals that the Bavarian mogul made with with major film studios in the United States for the pay TV rights to movies as well as the rights to World Cup SOCCET.

Over the past few months, Kirch is believed to have signed deals worth around eight billion marks for rights to movies and sports programming.

Bertelsmann will also abandon

its digital pay TV decoder, developed together with Canal Plus, Text Intern said. It said Kirch's 'D-Box" decoder will become the industry standard in

France to hit back if hurt by Helms-Burton

PARIS (Reuter) - France will respond with its own measures on top of any European Union retaliation if French firms are hurt by the US Helms-Burton law. tightening sanctions against Cuba and firms involved there, trade minister Yves Galland said

yesterday. "I would not leave the answer solely to the European Union," Galland said, "If French firms were hit, there would also be a French response," he told reporters. He would not say what kind

of measures he had in mind. Galland said President Bill Clinton's decision to suspend application of a crucial part of the Helms-Barton law showed just how isolated the United States had become in the face of objections from a strongly united European Union

Earlier this month, Clinton suspended for six months the socalled Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, which allows for Americans to sue, in US courts, foreign firms judged to have gained from investments in property confiscated by the Cuban government since the Communist revolution of 1959.

European Commission experts in Brussels have said that among possible retaliatory measures, the EU could consider the possibility of counter-suing litigants.

Good IBM results in New York help boost London shares

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Wall Street sent shares higher as better-than-expected second quarter earnings from International Business Machines Corp helped steady nerves over the outlook for corporate profits. The FTSE 100 closed 15.9 points higher at 3,684.7, near the day's high and recovering from yester-day's fourth biggest loss of 1996.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended trade slightly higher, boosted by a strong opening on Wall Street and only marginally hit by the news that the Bundesbank was leaving key interest rates unchanged at current levels. The 30share IBIS DAX closed at 2,464.51 points. Earlier, at the end of a cautious trading session, the DAX index, which measures trade in 30 blue-chip German companies, was up 17.20 points at 2,465 points.
PARIS - Shares closed more

than one percent higher, after a 1.42 percent drop on Wednesday, with Wall Street leading the dance. Big gains in the Dow Jones index during the afternoon, after drops on Tuesday and Wednesday, pulled French shares back from their lows. Both the German Bundesbank and the Bank of France kept their interest rates unchanged. The bluechip CAC-40 index closed up 20.57 points at 1,974.67.

ZURICH - Shares closed higher across the board in a technical reaction to Wednesday's losses of almost three percent. Bullish sentiment prevailed throughout the day as slight overnight gains on

LONDON - A buoyant start on Wall Street led to short covering. The all-share SPI rose 34.54 points to 2,275.24 points.

TOKYO - Stocks closed sharply higher due to arbitrage-linked buying on the back of stronger futures. But the rise was a technical rebound after Wednesday's plunge, and the upward momentum will be limited by lingering worries about a rise in interest rates. The key Nikkei closed up 252.81 points, or 1.23 percent, at 20,883,84.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended Thursday's session barely changed, unable to rebound from Wednesday's losses as Wall Street's volatility kept investors sidelined. The Hang Seng index rose 7.11 points to close at 10,706.97 after sliding 165 points on Wednesday.

SYDNEY - Shares closed barely higher with turnover and direction driven largely by the bigger players jostling for position as July series options expired. The All Ordinaries index rose 1.2 points to close at 2,115.1.

JOHANNESBURG - Shares ended strong on a recovery on Wall Street on Wednesday night and were further boosted by a firm opening on the U.S. market on Thursday night. Gold stocks were ignored on a lacklustre bullion price and ended mixed amid a lack of interest. The overall index added 27.1 points to 6,655.7 points, the industrial index rose 53.1 points to 7,872.7 points and the gold index was off 5.7 points to 1,744.8 points.

Bond markets see-saw

LONDON, JULY 25 (Reuter) -This is how major world bond markets were trading in late European business yesterday.

GERMANY - Bunds and futures were higher in late dealings, shrugging off the Bundesbank opting not to trim its repo rate. The September Bund future on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (LIFFE) was training at 97.11, up 0.22 from Wednesday's settlement price.

BRITAIN - Gilts struggled upward in afternoon trade to crase midday losses and ead unchanged on the day. The Bundesbank disappointed markets when it left its repo rate on hold following the formightly council meeting, the last before the summer recess. and the move sparked a sell-off across Europe bond markets. The September long gilt future on LIFFE was trading at 106-29/32, down 2/32 from Wednesday's settlement price.

FRANCE - The French yield curve flattened after the decision: by the German Bundesbank to leave its repo rate unchanged dented widespread expectations that it would lower the rate for the first time since February. The September notional bond future on the MATIF in Paris was trading at 123.18, up 0.08 from Wednesday's settlement price.

ITALY - Debt markets wilted by the end of trade with players citing disappointment over the Bundesbank's decision to do nothing with the repo rate but saying investors were in the mood to sell Btps. The September bond future on LIFFE was trading at 116.55, down 0.33 from Wednesday's settlement price.

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UNITED STATES - Treasury securities caught a bid at midmorning, erasing much of Wednesday's declines as myestors quietly bought paper at cheaper levels. A mixed bag of news and data came and went, with investors ultimately focusing on ostensibly bullish reports on durable goods orders and existing home sales as an excuse to bottom-fish. The September Treasury bond future on the Chicago Board of Trade was trading at 108-9/32, up 3/32 from Wednesday's settlement price. The long bond was quoted to yield 7.04

JAPAN - Key September Japanese Government Bonds futures ended lower, burt by the Tokyo stock market's rebound. Dealers' positions were light amid a lack of consensus as to when the BOJ would tighten credit. Some said they are waiting for Japan's June CPI due today. In after hours trading the September future on LIFFE was trading at 118.83, up 0.02 from Wednesday's settlement price on the Tokyo Stock

Dow, other indexes, rise WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks cruised through yesterday's session after an early jump on an encouraging profit report from IBM that helped restore some investor confidence about the computer sector's prospects. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age rose about 67.32 points to 5,422.01, down slightly from a morning gain of 76. IBM shares surged about 12 percent, accounting for more than half of the blue-chip barometer's advance.

The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index also drew a lift from IBM's report, breaking out of a steep, four-session slump. The Nasdaq composite index rose 17.43 to 1,059.80.

Other broad-market measures posted strong gains, and advanc-

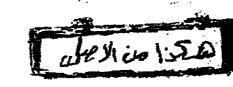
ing issues outnumbered decliners by a broad margin. The American Stock Exchange's market valne index rose 3.59 to 532.59.

Before the start of trading, IBM reported an expected second-quarter profit decline as sales growth slowed due to lower prices for memory chips and unfavorable currency exchange ratios.

But excluding the effect of exchange rates, IBM's sales grew faster than expected, and the profit of \$1.35 billion, or \$2.51 per share, was slightly higher than most estimales.

The favorable response to IBM's results broke a string of negative reactions to seemingly positive reports from computer industry bellwethers.

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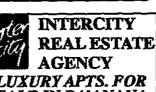
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The Port House is planned to be built in Ellat adjacent to the area known as "Shaar Hair" on two adjacent lots which have been rented to the Authority by the Israel Lands Authority [below: ILA] on a long

The purpose of constructing the Port House is, among other things, to provide sleeping and guest facilities for tourists staying in the city, for workers of the Authority staying in Ellat in the course of performance of their tasks, for guests of the Authority in general and of the Port of Ellat in particular, for courses and on-job training of workers of the Authority and of others as well as for activities to be approved in advance in writing by the Authority, at it's exclusive

2.a. The basic requirements for participation in the procedure may be received free of charge by addressing a fax to Mr. Eli Eyal at 07-6358301. Only if the fax machine does not receive the message may

one call to telephone to 07-6358392. Those participating in the Procedure must provide, as part of the bid. a bank guarantee according to the fixed formula given in the tender documents, in the amount of NIS 600,000 (six hundred thousand) inked to the US dollar, or of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand US dollars), all as prescribed in the tender documents. The guarantee is said to be in effect for a period of 120 days

following the final date for submitting the tender documents. 3.a. The documents for the procedure, as well as many other details, may be obtained by applying in writing to the above fax, with full details of the applicant, beginning July 28, 1996, between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. upon payment of NIS 2,000 plus VAT, non refundable. b. Further explanations will be given at the time of the tour to be

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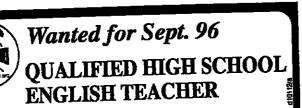
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NEW YORK (Reuter) - Former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker will be named to head a Swiss-Jewish commission. probing whether assets from Holocaust victims remain in Swiss banks, a commission source said.

The source told Reuters that the six-member group, formed last May after an international controversy, agreed to name Volcker, who served as Fed chairman during the inflationary period of the late 1970s and the recession of the early 1980s. He is chairman of Wolfensohn and Co., a New York investment bank that recently was bought by Bankers Trust.

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(Continued from Page 1). wants a sense of the direction of peace talks before he resumes

them. He does not want to start at quare one," an official said. Syria is not shutting the door to talks, but we are now looking for a formula before those talks start again," a US official said.

It remains unclear what the basis for the talks would be since Assad has made clear in the past that there is no use for talks so long as Israel says in advance that it intends to retain sovereignty on the Golan.

Assad also does not see any advantage in starting talks before the US election in November, as he believes that until that election is over, there is no way the Clinton administration will press the Netanyahu government. Assad believes that only US pressure can secure Israeli conces-

sions. Ross is to meet Foreign Minister David Levy today, and was expected to meet Arafat in Gaza either on his return late yesterday or today.

Earlier yesterday, Ross told reporters in Amman that Washington cannot force the Arabs and Israelis to resume peace talks if they do not wish to

The US is concerned with finding the best way to go ahead with the peace process," Ross said. But he added, "Ultimately, it is not the US that will decide, it is the parties that will decide for themselves. What we can do is to find ways to work with the parties concerned to promote the chance for progress."

Presidential spokesman Joubran Kourich said that Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara were present at the meeting, held at the presidential palace in Latakia, some 320 km. north of

Also present was Farouk Damascus. Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, and Hanan Ashrawi, responsible for higher education in the Palestinian Authority, he said.

Ashrawi said that Arafat held a "very positive meeting" with Shara before the talks with Assad. In a statement to reporters, Arafat said he was pleased "to listen to the valuable advice from President Assad on how to confront the challenges facing us not only as Palestinians, but also as Arabs.

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Diplomats said that during the talks. Arafat might allude to the activities of several Damascusbased Palestinian opposition groups that have vowed to wreck

the Oslo accords. Last night, Netanyahu held a phone conversation with French President Jacques Chirac, They discussed Lebanon and Syria and agreed to exchange visits, with Chirac coming here in September and Netanyahu going to Paris the following month.

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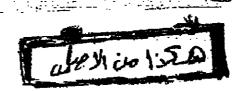
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crucial roles in an uneven batting

display in ideal conditions as

Pakistan launched the first of three Tests by reaching 290 for

Having completed his hundred

with a six in 160 balls, Inzamam

went on to pass his previous best

Test score of 135 not out against

New Zealand at Wellington in the

Inzamam and Anwar shared a

third wicket stand of 130 which

hauled Pakistan from 12 for two.

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NFL suspends Irvin for five games

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The NFL suspended Dallas Cowboys' star receiver Michael Livin for five

game or about \$1.6 million for the season, doesn't plan to appeal the league's decision.

"He said, "I want to meet this heads up. I accept my responsibility. I was wrong and I'm going to pay the price," team owner Jerry Jones said, "He said he is ready to take his medicine."

rifle prone event

of Denmark in 1991.

Seles reaches third round

Russia handed Italy its first loss, 75-70.

US boxer falls amid controversy

Italians undefeated in volleyball

in Pool A

lightweight (65 kg) judo competition.

YESTERDAY AT ATLANTA

Italy's Collinelli grabs cycling gold
Andrea Collinelli of Italy beat Prance's Philippe Ermenault for the
gold in men's individual pursuit in 4 minutes, 20.893 seconds.

Americans Bill Clay and Connie Paraskevin-Young, a five-time

Olympian and four-time world champion, lost in second-round

Germany's Klees sets world shooting mark Germany won its first gold medal of the games when Christian

Klees shot a world-record score of 704.8 in the men's 50-meter free

Klees's total, including a world record-tying perfect score of 600

in the preliminary round, broke the mark of 703.5 by Jens Harskov

Top-seeded Monica Seles became the first player to reach the third

Martina Hingis, seeded 15th, was eliminated by Ai Sugiyama of

Energized by a Georgia Dome crowd of 31,230, the largest ever to see a women's basketball game, the US women's team beat Zaire

107-47 for its third straight victory. Jennifer Azzi led the Americans

Fernando Vargas of the United States lost a controversial decision to

Romania's Marian Simion. Vargas stood in disbelief as Simion was

second round despite landing jab after jab to the Romanian's face.
"I know I won and he knows I won," said Vargas, considered a gold medal favorite in the welterweight division. "I'm a champion.

know in my heart I gave 100 percent."

Amaldo Mesa continued Cuba's 20-year Olympic mastery over

US boxers with a first-round win over Zahir Raheem. Raheem fell

face first to the canvas in disbelief when the referee stopped the

fight with 45 seconds left in the first round of the 119-pound

Italy re-established its dominance by beating the Netherlands in straight sets to remain undefeated in Pool B. The top-ranked

every major championship this decade except the Olympics.

Germany's Quelimalz wins judo gold

Italians, led by 1995 international player of the year Andrea Giani, won 15-8, 15-8, 15-13 to improve to 3-0. The Italians have won

Argentina rebounded from a loss to the US by beating Bulgaria 15-10, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10 to enhance its chances of finishing third in Bool 5.

Ude Quellmalz of Germany won the gold medal in the men's half-

Hernandez Plana and Brazil's Henrique Guimaraes taking the

Yukimasa Nakamma of Japan won the silver, with Cuba's Israel

declared the winner 8-7 in a fight that saw Vargas get no points in the

round, beating Patricia Hy-Boulais of Canada 6-3, 6-2.

US women hoopsters win third straight



MEDAL OF HONOR - Irish swimmer Michelle Smith shows off her third gold medal.

Irish swimmer is talk of many towns

ATLANTA (AP) - Michelle Smith's sensational swimming performance at the Olympics is a favorite topic across her native Ireland.

On this side of the Atlantic, though, the talk breezes past Smith's three gold medals and straight to suspicions she may have used performance-enhancing

Her husband, Dutch track star Erik de Bruin, is serving a four-year suspension for illegal testosterone use and that has belped fuel the rumors.

Smith appears to have been vindicated when a first series of test results announced by Olympic anthorities indicted two athletes - but Smith was as clean as After winning her third gold Wednesday night in

the 200-meter individual medley - to go with first place in the 400 IM and the 400 freestyle earlier -Smith was quickly asked if she ever has taken banned substances.

pames because of his no-contest plea. She stared down the questioner and replied. No, I to thing charges, a punishment that have never used performance enhancing drugs." will cost hint face than \$500,000. Then she smiled.

Irvin, who makes \$102,647 a If Smith is angry that her Olympic coming-out

party is being tainted by the speculation, she doesn't show it.

Smith's post-race news conferences reflect the contrasting opinions about her success.

The Irish media delight in her appearances on the podium. They break into loud applause and cheers when the redhead takes the microphone, and offer hearty congratulations before posing questions. Journalists from other countries, meanwhile, keep

asking about the drug rumors. Smith also has taken heat for needing special permission to swim in the 400 freestyle after missing the qualification deadline. Her late inclusion in Monday's race had a role in American Janet Evans' failure to make the finals. Smith likes to use the negative comments to her

advantage. So far, her strategy has worked. "If you put an obstacle in my way, I'm even more determined," she said. "I'm a fighter."

Her feisty spirit and the gold medals have swept up

Ireland, a country without much of a swimming history and one that never had won an Olympic gold medal until Smith's this year. There is no 50-meter pool in Ireland, so Smith moved to the Netherlands to

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton praised "the dignified way in which Michelle has dealt with all of the interviews and criticisms with which she has had to cope outside the swimming pool."

"Irish people everywhere celebrate her courage, determination and dedication to her sport," be added. Smith's father, Brian, lashed out at Americans for

"She went through the press conference then and the American press gave her another grilling.... The only thing that I can say is that they have been swines," Brian Smith said in an interview.

"I just have to laugh at it," Michelle said of the drug rumors. "Every time I'm tested it's always negative, and I'm tested again and again and again. For every one time a person on the US national team is tested, I'm tested five times.'

Fifteen vulnerable world records could fall

ATLANTA (Reuter) - Depending on the weather, the track and the athletes involved, as many as 15 world records could fall during the nine-day Olympic athletics

competition which begins today. If that many were established it would create a record in itself, beating the 12 world records set at the Mexico Olympics in 1968. A brief look at some of the records that could fall: Men

100 meters - American Leroy Burrell set the world record of 9.85 seconds in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 6, 1994. The record was almost beaten by Frankie Fredericks of Namibia who clocked 9.86, the second fastest legal time in history, at Lausanne on July 3. Fredericks admitted in Atlanta on Tuesday he could have broken the world record if he had not lifted his arms in triumph before crossing the line.

200 meters - American Michael Johnson finally erased Italian Pietro Mennea's 17-year-old mark of 19.72 from the record books when he clocked 19.66 on the Olympic track at the US trials in Atlanta on June 23. Given the right conditions he could lower that time again if, as expected,

he wins the Olympic final. 400 meters - When American Lee Evans won the 1968 Mexico Olympics in 43.86 he established a mark that would last for almost 20 years. His record finally fell when Butch Reynolds clocked 43.29 at the Weltklasse meeting in Zurich on August 17, 1988. The nearest anyone has come since is Michael Johnson. who ran 43.39 to win the world title at Gothenburg last year. Both Johnson and Reynolds have dipped under 44 seconds this season and the

Olympic champion will have to run well under that time again to win the

1,500 meters - Algerian Noureddine Morcelli does not normally go as long as a year without breaking one world record or another - and as he has not improved his 1,500 meters mark of three minutes 27.37 seconds since July 12 last year, he could bid to lower it again - especially if Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco or Venuste Niyongabo of Burundi pushes him all the way to the line.

800 meters - With the world records in the women's 100, 200 and 400 meters seemingly out of reach of today's generation of runners, the 13year-old 800 world record of Jarmila Kratochvilova looks the most vulnerable of the shorter distances. Kratochvilova's time of 1:53.28 is probably safe enough - but world champion Ana Fidelia Quirot of Cuba and Maria Mutola of Mozambique could challenge it if conditions are

5,000 meters - Portugal's Fernanda Ribeiro set the record of 14:36.45 at Hechtel, Belgium on July 22 last year, has this year's fastest time of 14:41.07 and if she is involved in a fast finish with Gabriela Szabo of Romania and Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland, any one of them could break

400 meters hurdles - Americans Kim Batten (52.61) and Tonja Buford (52.62) both beat the then-existing world record of 52.74 in the world championship final last year. Batten, who took the gold, and Buford are set to do battle again along with previous world record holder Sally Gunnell of Britain, whose challenge may be hampered by injury.

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Women fencers finish ninth

THE Israeli women's fencing defeated the US in the team competition at the Olympics yesterday after falling to China in the first round. The win over the Americans secured ninth place overall, exactly where Israel was seeded coming in.

Among other Israelis, Yoav Bruck was in the top half of finishers by swimming the 50m. freestyle in 23.22, good for 24th place overall, but not enough to advance. Russia's Alexander Popov, the 100m. winner, finished with a 22.22 and was to race for his second gold last night.

In 50m. free rifle prone shooting at Wolf Creek, Boris Polak scored 594 points to finish 20th and Guy Starik scored 593 for 26th place. Germany's Christian Klees won the gold with 704.08 overall after scoring 600 in the qualifying

round. In Savannah, Gal Friedman compete in the third day of windsurfing, along with Nir and Ron HILLEL KUTTLER

Chantal, and Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi, on the second day of 470 sailing.

In the fifth round that took place yesterday. Friedman finished in tenth place. He had begun the day in fifth place overall, so in the sixth and final round, Friedman must show great improvement to have a possibility for earning a medal.

The sailing teams had a late start yesterday due to weather conditions, and no results were available as of midnight in Israel.

In defeating the Americans 45-39, Lilach Hatoel Zuckerman led a comeback from a 17-20 deficit by scoring eight of the next ten touches against Margaret Paxton.

"I gave them the inspiration to

capitalize," Zuckerman said of the rally's effect on her team. "Generally, it's on me. When I didn't do well against the

Chinese, we lost."
The Chinese team of Xiao Aihua, Wang Huifeng and Liang Jun defeated Zuckerman, Lilach

Parisky and Ayelet Ohayon 45-29. Israel had beaten China in last year's last World Championships to qualify for the Olympics fencing team competition for the first time ever. They also defeated China in the World Cup two months ago in Atlanta.

In the quarter-finals last night, Rumania upset Germany 45-33, and Italy beat Hungary 45-42.

Coach Chaim Hatoel said after the loss that cost Israel a chance to move into the quarter-finals that the team lacked fighting spirit and "didn't function mentally." The fencers said the match's 7:30 a.m. start threw them off and they were unable to recover.

Hatoel said the Chinese "fenced well," but the Israelis "couldn't overcome their depression after being knocked out of the individ-

Swimmers catch the headlines in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) - Before Saturday, there weren't any Irish Olympic gold medalists in swimming. Now Michelle Smith is winning gold at a rate of one every other day.

She claimed her third Wednesday night in the 400-meter individual medley, while Russian Denis Pankratov set a world record in the 100 butterfly to win his second gold and propel his nation to the top of the gold medal standings with 11 after five days of competition at the Atlanta Olympics.

The United States won its fourth consecutive swimming relay of these games and had 10 golds in all. It led the Russians 28 to 23 in total medals. France had six golds, and China and Poland each had five.

Thanks to Smith, Ireland had three, tying it with Australia. Cuba, Italy, South Korea and Turkey.

Along with Pankratov's victory, the Russians also won gold Wednesday in the men's team sable event in fencing, defeating Hungary in the final for the second straight Olympics.

Three other nations also captured two golds each. French athletes won with swords and bicycles. Australians used guns and horses. Cubans hefted weights and threw opponents in judo.

China, off to a slow start in these games, gained back a measure of respect when world cham-

Wednesday's Olympic Medalists CYCLING

Men 1km Time Trial

GOLD-Florian Rousseau, France
SILVER-Erin Hartwell, United States BRONZE-Takanobu Jumonji, Japan EQUESTRIAN Open 3-Day Event Team GOLD-Australia SILVER-United States BRONZE-New Zesland FENCING Men Team Sabre

GOLD-Russia SILVER-Hungary BRONZE-Italy Women Team Epee GOLD-France

SILVER-Italy BRONZE-Russia GYMNASTICS
Men All-Around
GOLD-LI Xiaoshuang, China
SILVER-Alexel Nemov, Russi

SILVER-Alexel Nemov, Russia BRONZE-Vitaly Scherbo, Belarus JUDO Men Lightweight GOLD-Kenzo Nakamura, Japan SILVER-Kwak Dae-sung, South Korea BRONZE-Jimmy Pedro, United States, and Christophe Gagliano, France Women Lightweight GOLD-Driulls Gonzalez, Cuba SILVER-Lung Supwong, South Koree SILVER-Jung Sur-yong, South Korea BRONZE-Isabel Fernandez, Spain, and Marisbel Lomba, Belgium SHOOTING

Men Double Trap
GOLD-Russell Mark, Australia
SILVER-Albano Pera, Italy
BRONZE-Zhang Bing, China
Women Smail-Bore Riffle
Three Position
GOLD-Aleksandra Ivosev, Yugoslavia
SILVER-Irina Gerastmenok, Russia.
BRONZE Baneta Mauer

GULD-Alexantria Hosev, Tugosan SILVER-Irina Gerastmenok, Russia. BRONZE-Renata Mauer, Poland SWIMMING Men 200 Breaststroke GOLD-Norbert Rozsa, Hungary SILVER-Karoly Guttler, Hungary BRONZE-Andrey Korneyev, Russia 100 Butterfly GOLD-Denis Penkratov, Russia SILVER-Scott Miller, Australia BRONZE-Vladislav Kultikov, Russia Women 200 Individual Mediey GOLD-Michelle Smith, Ireland SILVER-Marianne Limpert, Canada BRONZE-Lin Li, China 400 Mediey Relay GOLD-United States SILVER-Australia BRONZE-Crima WEIGHTLIFTING 78kg (187.5 pounds)

76kg (167.5 pounds) GOLD-Pablo Lara, Cuba SILVER-Yoto Yotov, Bulgaria BRONZE-Jon Chol, North Kores

OLYMPICS ROUNDUP

pion Li Xiaoshuang edged Russia's Alexei Nemov for gold in men's all-around gymnastics. Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, who won the all-around and five other golds in the 1992 Olympics, settled for bronze.

In the men's team event two days earlier, the Russian men gymnasts had beaten the Chinese, who also held the 1995 world team title. Other early disappointments for the Chinese included a fourth place by their women gymnasts in team competition and the failure of some key swimmers to qualify for gold-medal races.

Yugoslavia, banned from the 1992 Olympics because of its involvement in the Bosnian war, marked its return with Alexandra Ivosev's gold medal in women's three-position rifle shooting.

Hungary won its first gold medal of these games, and silver too, when Norbert Rozsa beat teammate Karoly Guttler by .46 seconds in men's 200-meter breaststroke swingridg. Offstage, Olympic organizers

said they finally were getting a grip on the transportation and computer system problems that have been upsetting athletes, officials and spectators. But a kayak racer from Antigua

was slightly injured when a shuttle bus operated by the Atlanta Committée for the Olympic Games hit a concrete barrier.

In his first extensive comments on the glitches that keep troubling the games, Atlanta Games organization president Billy Payne said: 'No mistakes are acceptable. No mistakes are defensible."

The popularity of these games with the people and the wonderful competition are going to be the story of these games - not that technology and transportation were not up to expectations," he told a group of journalists.

Ireland's Smith, who shot out of obscurity when she won the 400meter individual medley on Saturday, won the 200-meter medley Wednesday, finishing .42 seconds ahead of Canada's Marianne Limpert. China's Lin Li, the 1992 gold medalist, took the bronze, another .39 behind. Smith also won the 400-meter freestyle on Monday.

Pankratov broke his own world mark of 52.32 seconds in winning the men's 100-meter butterfly in 52.27 - .26 ahead of Australia's Scott Miller. In the women's 400-meter med-

ley relay, the Americans won in 4 minutes, 2.88 seconds, followed by Australia in 4:05.08 and China in 4:07.34.

Chinese gymnast Li, who had been bitterly disappointed with his performance in the team competition, trailed Nemov slightly going into his final high bar routine. He scored 9.787 on the bar for a 58.423 total and beat Nemov by .049 points.

Scherbo, trying in these games

for a record-tying seventh Olympic gold, was another .177 behind and looked bewildered at

his scores. "I was a little upset, not how the judges judged me, but how they judged others," said Scherbo, who still has gold medal chances in specialty finals.

Australia won its second gold for shotgun marksmanship when Russell Mark took the double trap

In competition in style, endurance and jumping on horseback, the Australians defended their Olympic championship in the equestrian three-day event.

Cuba gained its golds when Pablo Lara won the 76-kilogram (167.5-pound) division of weightlifting with a total of 367.5 kilogram (210 pounds) and kilograms (810 pounds) and Driulis Gonzalez beat South Korea's Jung Sun-yong for the women's lightweight division

judo title. Kenzo Nakamura, one of three brothers on Japan's judo team, won the men's lightweight title. He beat South Korea's Kwak Dae-sung by a 2-1 vote of the

judges. In tennis, second seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia was ousted in the first round, losing 6-2, 6-4 to South Africa's Marcos Ondruska, ranked 104th in the Wimbledon finalist MaliVai Washington of the United States won his Olympic debut, beating Jan Kroslak of the Slovak Republic 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Olympic Medals Table (Through Wednesday)

United States 10

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The raffle to determine the winners of The Jerusalem Post's Jewish Olympics Trivia Quiz will be held LIVE on Channel 1's IBA news on Friday, August 2 at 4:30 pm. . The winners' names will be published in the August 4 edition of The Jerusalem Post.

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Knicks trade Davis for draft pick

NEW YORK (AP) - When the New York Knicks recently signed Allan Houston, Hubert Davis figured his days might be numbered in New York.

He was right, and his number came up Wednesday when the Knicks traded Davis to the Toronto Raptors for a first-round draft choice. "This pretty much had to happen," said Davis, a

career 47.4 percent shooter. "Things like this are out of your control." Davis was the NBA's third-best 3-point shooter while averaging 10.7 points last season, but the Knicks had to let him go to ease the logiam at guard and to make room under their salary cap.

"I'm exploring a lot of different options right now," said Knicks general manager Ernie Grunfeld. "By having the cap room, it enables us to maybe do something else. How that's going to be done, either through a trade or as a free agent, remains to be

The deal opens about \$1.15 million in salary cap room, Grunfeld said, space he hopes to use to sign a versatile front-court player.

"It's going to be a great situation for Hubert at Toronto," said Grunfeld, who explained that Davis became expendable when the Knicks signed Houston on June 14.

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Woman murderer released from prison

News agencies

ANAM Jabari, jailed since 1988 for killing a yeshiva student, walked out of Neveh Tirza prison yesterday after receiving a presidential pardon in accordance with the Oslo accords.

She had served eight years of her 12-year sentence for shooting 18-year-old Eliezer Schlesinger in Jerusalem's Sacher Park in 1988, authorities said.

Jabari, a Jerusalem resident, spoke to no one, got into a car with Israeli license plates, and was driven away.

She was released after she signed a document promising to refrain from "further acts of terrorism.

She signed a commitment vowing not to engage in terrorist Prisons Service spokesman Moshe Malul said.

Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman yesterday added his name to President Ezer Weizman's order to pardon Jabari and May Ghussein, who is serving a life sentence for seriously wounding a tourist and murdering a cellmate she suspected of being a collaborator.

Ne'eman signed the order only after the High Court of Justice on Wednesday rejected a petition against the pardons.

Ghussein, however, refused to leave prison while three other Palestinian women prisoners remain in jail.

The three remaining prisoners, convicted by military courts, must have their sentences commuted by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen.

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Anam Jabari (shirt over head) leaves Neveh Tirza Prison yesterday. Several dozen other Palestinian

woman prisoners who have been pardoned have refused to leave jail in solidarity with the remaining few who have not been par-

However, Jabari's release is

(Alon Ron/Israel Sun) expected to clear the way for this. Israel Radio reported that Dayan had decided to pardon the three, but the army had no information yesterday on whether or when that might happen.

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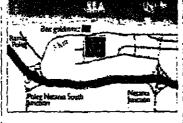


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Prisons Service offers Klingberg 'a few hours' leave from jail

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRISONS Service and security officials have come up with a proposal to allow convicted spy Marcus Klingberg to leave jail for a few hours for the first time in 14

However, Klingberg's lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, said the offer isn't good enough.

Earlier this month, after the parole committee rejected Klingberg's request to be released early from fail for security reasons, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Oded Mudrik asked the security forces to suggest conditions for granting Klinberg a leave.

Yesterday, the conditions for the leave were made public. They include the following terms: · the leave will last only a few

secret to prevent media coverage · the venue of the leave will be

· the time of the leave will be

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accompany Klingberg at all times only first-degree relatives and a close friend of Klingberg's will be allowed to see him

· journalists will be barred from seeing or interviewing him

• the phone in the place where he will spend the time will be dis-

connected throughout the visit · he will not be allowed to write letters unless they are inspected by Prisons Service personnel

Klingberg's request for parole was rejected on the grounds that he still possesses information that could severely damage Israel's security.

Feldman said he will demand that Klingberg be given a leave of 24 or 48 hours like any regular prisoner. The next hearing will be held on August 5.

Three dolphins protect British diver from sharks

Jerusalem Post Staff

A BRITISH tourist who was attacked by sharks in the Gulf of Akaba on Tuesday was saved by three dolphins, according to Israeli divers who witnessed the scene. Martin Richardson, 29, was reported to be in stable condition in an

Egyptian hospital yesterday. The incident occurred near Sharm e-Sheikh at the southern tip of the

Sinai peninsula. Richardson was among four British tourists who had sailed aboard an Eilat-based vessel, the Jadran, to dive in the waters of The Jadran's captain, Yitzhak Hermon, said that he had stopped the boat a kilometer off the Sinai shore to permit the passengers to watch a

group of dolphins cavorting nearby.

Three people went into the water to swim with them," Hermon said. When the two others came back, Richardson decided to stay in the

water a bit. "Suddenly we heard him scream. We thought it was a joke at first. Dolphins never attack humans. Then we saw him lean in the air and blood stained the water all around him. We understood that he was being

One of the crew sped to Richardson's aid in a rubber boat. When he reached him, he saw the injured man being circled by three dolphins, who leaped into the air, smacked the water with their tails and flippers. and placed themselves between Richardson and the sharks.

Oz Goffman, director of the Israel Marine Mammal Research and Assistance Center in Haifa, said that such behavior is known in cases where dolphins are protecting their young from sharks. However, he said, he knew of no previous instance of dolphins defending humans. against sharks He said that a dolphin could kill a shark by ramming it. There have been reports, he said, of dolphins guiding to shore sailors

There are only two other recorded cases of serious shark attacks in the



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Raphael Patai, first Ph.D at Hebrew U., dies at 85

Gulf of Akaba in the past 50 years, Goffman said.

RAPHAEL Patai, a prolific anthropologist and expert in Jewish and Arab culture, died of cancer Saturday in Tucson, Arizona. Patai, 85, wrote dozens of books on Jewish and Middle Eastern culture, the life of the ancient Jewish people, on history, politics, psychology and folk-

Originally from Budapest, Patai studied at the Hebrew University and in 1936 received the university's first doctorate. He came to the United States in 1947, when the tensions in Palestine made it difficult for him to find support for his research, The New York Times said in yesterday's editions. In the US, he held a number of academic

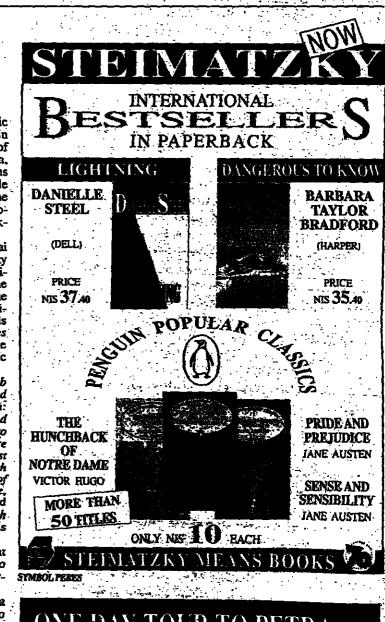
Patai's books included The Arab Mind (1976), The Jewish Mind (1977). The Seed of Abraham: Jews and Arabs in Contact and Conflict (1983), Golden River to Golden Road: Society, Culture and Change in the Middle East (1966). The Myth of the Jewish Race (1975), and The Jews of Hungary: History, Culture, Psychology, which was published this year. His book Jewish Seafaring in Ancient Times is awaiting publication.
In his books, Patai retold ancient

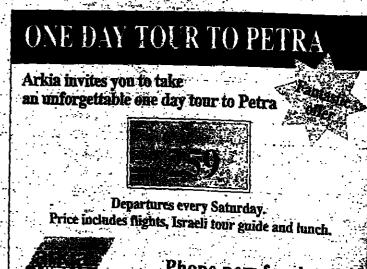
tales, seeing them as windows into the everyday life, culture and psy-chology of ancient peoples. The poet Robert Graves was a

fan of one such book, and wrote to Patai to point out similarities between ancient Hebrew and Roman myths.

That letter set the stage for three books. Hebrew Myths: the Book of Genesis, a 1964 collaboration with Graves, The Hebrew Goddess, in which Pazzi wrote of their joint thesis that the stories of an ancient Jewish goddess-worshiping sect had been excised from scripture; and Robert Graves and the Hebrew Myths, Patai's 1992. account of their collaboration and correspondence.

Patai is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Schneider of Tucson, Arizona and Daphne Patai of Amherst, Massachusetts, and a brother, Prof. Saul Patai of Jerusalem Lerusalem Post Staff





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